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Reserve Fund £270,000

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Reserve Funds	11,37,432	8	0

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CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... Rs. 50,00,000
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Interest is allowed on daily balances from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,00,000 at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum from December 1st to May 31st, and 2 per cent. per annum for the remaining six months. On sums exceeding Rs. 1,00,000 interest is allowed by special arrangement. No interest will be allowed which does not amount to Rs. 3 per half year

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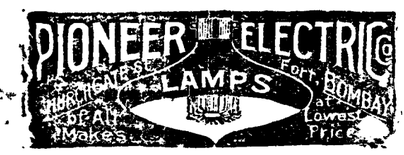

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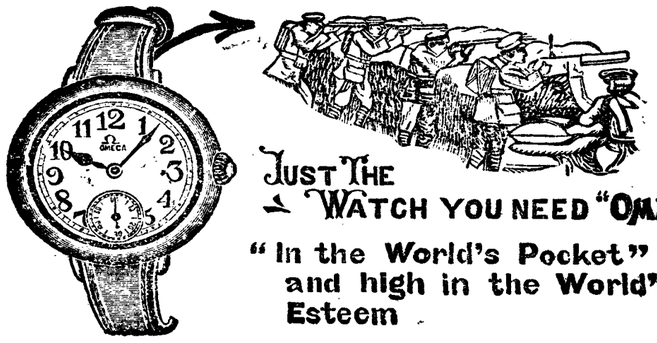

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WANTED—An efficient SHORTHAND TYPIST. Sundays. Tuesdays and Fridays 9-11 in the night. Apply to Box No. 209, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 9907

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APPLICATIONS will be received up the 24th September, 1917, for the appointment of a whole-timed SECRETARY and TREASURER for the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Anima's and the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals. Free quarters will be provided in the compound of the Hospital. Applications stating age, qualifications and salary required, should be addressed to The HON. SIR DINSHAW PETIT, The President of the Society, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. 9827

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WANTED—CIVIL ENGINEER or QUALIFIED BUILDING SUPERVISOR, knowing English correspondence. Apply Box No. 200, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 9868

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WANTED

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WANTED—AGENTS for the SALE OF "THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE" in the principal cities of India. For terms communicate with the MANAGING-DIRECTOR, Indian Newspaper Co., Ltd., 6, Medows Street Fort, Bombay.

WANTED—Large or Small CAPITALISTS, to lend money on Bank rate of interest, against sound securities. For particulars apply to Box No. 199, Advt. Dept., Bombay Chronicle." 9867

WANTED—AGENTS by The Eastern Industrial Works for Phenyle, Sealing Wax, Black, Japan, etc. Write G. V. MEHTA & Co., Shanghvi Sadan, Sandhurst Road, Bombay. 9560

WANTED.—One compound condensing or non-condensing ENGINE to drive 60 Gins and one Lancashire Boiler 30' x 7' of 150 lbs. pressure new or second hand. Apply to SHRI LAKHAJI RAJ GINNING and PRESSING FACTORY, Rajkote. 9824

WANTED—STUDENTS desirous of joining Colleges to see PRINCIPAL, EMPIRE ENGLISH SCHOOL for Matric and Senior Cambridge, conducted under Educational Experts at Convenient times at 259/261, Hornby Road., opposite Messrs. Cox and Co., FRESH NAMES enrolled for Matric and Cambridge, (July & Dec.) 1918. 815.

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FOR SALE—A second-hand STEAM ROAD ROLLER, 8 tons, in good order. Apply to Messrs. TEJOO KAYA and Co., New Nagpada, Bombay. 9798

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FOR SALE—Decent MAIL-PHAETON, DOG CART TYPE, made to order, recently painted. Rs. 400. No offers. Write to Box No. 207, Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 9893

FOR SALE.—SAW MILL MACHINES in good working order and also spare saws, pulleys, shaftings, etc. Apply to Box No. 206 Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 9892

FOR SALE—Nesmith Wilson's Lancashire Boiler 25 by 6½ 75 lbs. Pressure. enquire at BHARATPORE PRESS Co., Motilal Mansions, 10, Tamarind Lane, Fort, between 3 and 5 (S.T.) 9841

FOR SALE—Angles, Tees, Flats, Rounds Squares, Beams, Channels, Plates, Electrical, Sanitary, Engineering and General Hardware Goods. Enquiries invited. PROUDFOOT BROS. & CO., MADRAS. 9370

PREMIER CYCLE by Appointment to H. M. The King; a small shipment just received. Roadster cycles complete at Rs. 200. WELLINGTON CYCLISTS, Bombay and Poona.

FOR SALE.—Smart U. H. L. GOLD ART STEEL COMBINATION ROLL TOP Brief and Foolscap size TYPEWRITER TABLES and CABINETS by Toledo Metal Furniture Co., of America, at MEHTA AUCTIONEER'S ROOMS, 53, Medows Street, Fort. 977

FOR SALE—ENGLISH FIRE BRICKS, Boiler Accessories, Wrought Iron, Tank, 45½'x13'x4', Wrought Iron Staircases with Platform Railing, etc., 16'x4' Steps 12'x7"; Cast Iron, Pillars with Chairs, Tops and Brackets; Wrought and Steel Iron Girders, 18"77" and upwards, slightly used. Apply MEGHJI VALABHDASS, 222, Musjid Bunder Road. 9783

FOR SALE.—One improved EAST INDIAN WOOL BURRING MACHINE, 48" wide filled with burring roller guard, etc., with automatic feed almost new by P. & C. Garnett, Ltd., Delivery RAJKOT. And one LANCASHIRE BOILER, 24' x 6' of 45 lbs. pressure at Bagasra (Kathiawar.) Apply to SHRI LAKHAJI RAJ GINNING and PRESSING FACTORY, RAJKOTE. 9823

TO BE LET.

TO LET—A large shop on Hornby Row, No. 239, next to Allahabad Bank, from 1st October. Apply 4th STOREY on SAME PREMISES 9906

WATSON'S ANNEXE, Apollo Bunder Rooms facing Yacht Club, Apollo Pier Road. Rents from Rs. 25 to 125. Rooms can be furnished and arrangement for Board made on shortest notice. Apply to MANAGER.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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HAVING been appointed CHIEF AGENTS for the above Association in Bombay Presidency including Sind, we are prepared to accept Fire Business of every description at the current Tariff rates.

MULRAJ KHATAU & Co.,
Chief Agents.
Oriental Buildings,
Hornby Road, 18th September, 1917. 9825

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20-22 H. P. Fitted with ZENITH Carburettor, Electric Lights, and SELF-STARTER. EXTREME ECONOMY ON TYRES. PETROL consumption 25 miles per gallon.

OMIAR MOTOR WORKS,
Chowpatty, BOMBAY
982

CITY OF BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

THE TRUSTEES are prepared to receive tenders from persons desiring to enter into agreements to lease the following plots on their Sandhurst Road West Estate:—

63—area about 961 square yards.
68—area about 840 square yards.
69—area about 868 square yards.

Buildings containing shops and residences will be allowed.

The Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.

Site plans, tender forms and further particulars may be obtained of the Undersigned at the Board's Offices, Esplanade Road. Tenders should be submitted before 1 p.m. (S.T.), on WEDNESDAY, 10th October.

R. H. A. DELVES,
9789 Dy. Land Manager.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay up to 1 p.m., (B.T.), on TUESDAY, the 2nd day of October, 1917, for the construction of a fountain at the junction of Sandhurst Road and Dongri Street, with drainage and water fittings.

2. Form of Contract, Specification etc., may be obtained free of charge from the undersigned, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

3. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

4. Tenders delivered to Officers other than the Chief Accountant of the Municipality or the Commissioner will not be considered.

5. It is particularly requested that any firm tendering for the contract should intimate while submitting the tender the names of the partners constituting the firm.

6. The rates must be carefully entered by the intending tenderers and no variation or alteration therein will be allowed by the Commissioner on any account after the tenders are opened.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner.
JAMES W. MACKISON, B.Sc., M. Inst., C.E.,
Executive Engineer.
Executive Engineer's Office,
Bombay, 21st September, 1917. 9904

THE CITY OF BOMBAY MUNICIPAL ACT 1888

AS AMENDED AND RE-ENACTED BY BOMBAY ACT VI OF 1916.
PUBLIC NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 207 (1) (b) of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, as amended and re-enacted by Bombay Act VI of 1916, that the undersigned proposes to apply to the Municipal Corporation at their Meeting to be held in the month of November, 1917, or on such day thereafter as the said application can conveniently be disposed of, for authority to prescribe a fresh line, in substitution, for the existing regular line of Abdul Rehman Street from the North-East corner of Umrigar Building (bearing street Nos. 2-8) to the South-East corner of the Mahomedan Mosque (Bearing Street Nos. 48-58.)

A plan of this street showing the existing regular line of the street and the fresh line proposed to be prescribed in substitution therefor as aforesaid, is deposited at the office of the Executive Engineer, Municipality, and can be inspected by any person desiring to do so, at any time during office hours.

Every person desirous of making any representation to the Corporation or of bringing before the Corporation any objection respecting the said proposal may do so, by letter addressed to the Municipal Secretary at the Municipal Office, and delivered at the said office not less than three clear days before the day of such meeting.

Dated this 19th day of September, 1917.

P. W. MONIE,
Municipal Commissioner,
for the City of Bombay.
9905

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY COMPANY.

(Incorporated in England.)

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF IMPORTED KEROSINE AND MINERAL OILS FOR LIGHTING, AND MINERAL OILS FOR LUBRICATING.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Agent, at his office at Victoria Terminus, Bombay, up to 1 p.m. (Standard Time) on MONDAY, the 1st October, 1917, for the supply of above oils during the 12 months commencing from 1st April 1918.

2. Tender Forms of the above giving particulars of the approximate quantities and description of oils required and the conditions on which Tenders will be received may be obtained on application at the General Storekeeper's Office, Parel, on payment of Rs. 2 for each Form. No refund of this amount will be made on account of unused Tender Forms.

3. The Agent reserves the right to select one or more items from any Tender without reference to other items on the same Tender and the Tenderer shall be required to supply the same at the rates quoted and to sign the agreement attached to the Tender.

4. Tenders should be superscribed with headings as above and a deposit of 10 per cent. of the total value of the articles tendered for, subject to a maximum of Rupees one thousand, should accompany each Tender, without which no Tender will be considered. Only cash or currency notes, of the Bombay Circle if over Rs. 100 (on which no interest will be allowed) or Government Promissory Notes will be received as deposit, and if the latter they must be endorsed "Pay Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company or order." Interest on Government Promissory Notes lodged with the Company as Tender Deposits will not be realized by the Company unless such interest is payable at Bombay.

5. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

6. The time for which this advertisement usually appears has had to be curtailed on this occasion because it has just been brought to notice that it is imperative that likely Tenderers of the oils in question should be advised of the result of their tenders by 10th October 1918.

W. L. SHAW,
Ag. General Storekeeper.
General Storekeeper's Office,
Parel, Bombay, 21st September, 1917. 9899

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

WANTED.—Pensioned TELEGRAPH MASTERS, TELEGRAPHISTS and POSTAL SIGNALLERS for temporary reemployment as Non-Departmental Telegraphists in Government Departmental Telegraph Offices in the Bombay Presidency. The daily rate of pay will be Rs. 1-8-0 or Rs. 2 according as the applicant can send and receive at the rate of 16 or 20 words per minute, subject to the condition that the sum of Pension and pay at the above rate does not exceed the substantive pay drawn by the applicant before retirement. Applications should be addressed to the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, TRAFFIC BRANCH, BOMBAY, and should state in which Telegraph Office the applicant desires to serve together with the following information:—

(1) Name in full.
(2) Name of Office where applicant served just previous to retirement.
(3) Pay drawn before retirement.
(4) Amount of pension; and
(5) Present address.

F. T. DE MONTE,
For Postmaster-General,
Telegraph Traffic,
9793 Bombay.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS, BOMBAY.

THURSDAY, the 27th instant, being a Public Holiday the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED in accordance with the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. 9901

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Power of Attorney given by the undersigned to his brother Hasham Haji Warim, who is at present, carrying on business at Singapore has been this day CANCELLED and revoked, and the public is hereby warned not to deal with the said Hasham Haji Warim under the said Power of Attorney.

MAHOMED HAJI WARIM.
Musjid Street, Bhandi Bazar,
Bombay, 19th September, 1917. 9902

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr H. BROMLEY has contracted to sell to our client Mr. DAWOODBHOY FAZALBHOY, the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien, or otherwise howsoever is or are requested to make the same known in writing to us at our office at No. 9, Bell Lane, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages tenements and Bungalows Nos. 29 and 29 A, known as "Clifton House," and "Dulce Domum," respectively together with all outhouses and other structures appertaining to the same, standing thereon situate lying and being at Malcolm Peth, at Mahableshwar, in the District of Satara, in the registration sub-district of Wai, in the district of Satara, containing by admeasurement twenty-two acres and three roods or thereabouts and registered as No. 4 on a certain plan of the said station on record in the office of the Chief Secretary to Government Bombay, and which said premises are bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the East by the Public Road, on or towards the West by the Baichester Public Road, on or towards the North by the premises of the owner of the Lily Cottage and on or towards the south by the premises of the Government Bungalow No. 5.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
Dated this 19th day of September, 1917. 9897

NOTICE.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Inami Freehold land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate lying and being at Government Gate Road, Parel, and known as Mino Mansion, in the town and Island of Bombay, in the registration, Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 500 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 66, New No. 14210 and New Survey No. 1/2494 and in the books of the Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under F Ward No. 1052 (4) and Street No. 12C and which said premises are bounded as follows:—that is to say on or towards the North by the property known as Parkfield Estate, belonging to Mr. H. N. Wadia, on or towards the South by the vacant land belonging to Khursedji Nasserwanji Wadia, on or towards the East by the said Parkfield Estate and on or towards the West by the Parel Government Gate Road.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration with the Will annexed of the property and credits of KHAIRUNNISSA BAI, wife of MAHOMED DOSSA, late of Bombay Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitant .....Deceased.

1. RUTTONSEY DOSSA, 2. GULAMMAHOMED KARAMALLI BOCA, both of Bombay, Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitants, merchants, residing at Garu Gully, Khoja Mohoolla and Doongri Street, in the Town and Island of Bombay, the duly constituted Attorneys of Mahomed Dossa the Executor named in the Will of the said deceased .....Petitioners.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir BASIL SCOTT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this seventh day of September in the year of our Lord, One thousand Nine hundred and seventeen and in the eighth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) P. B. MALABARI,
Ag. Registrar.

(Sd.) W. J. HOWARD.

The 7th day of September, 1917.

Messrs. MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM and MADAN,
Petitioners' Attorneys. 9900

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

IN INSOLVENCY.
No. 483 OF 1917.

Re: HAJI EBRAHIM ELIAS, Cutchi Memon Mahomedan, Inhabitant, residing at Mangalore South Canara, and carrying on business at Mangalore and at Kambeker Street in Bombay by his Munim named Jethalal Vanmali: an adjudged ..... Insolvent.

EX-PARTE.—The firm of Rahimtulla Abdul Rehman. ..... the Petitioning Creditors

WHEREAS the abovenamed HAJI EBRAHIM ELIAS, Cutchi Memon has been this day duly adjudged to have committed acts of Insolvency under Section IX of the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act, 1909 (III of 1909). It is ordered that all the estate and effects of the said Insolvent do vest in the Official Assignee of this Honourable Court, and it is further ordered that the said Insolvent do, immediately after the service of the order of adjudication upon him, attend the Office of the said Official Assignee.

Dated this 21st day of September 1917.

R. B. PATEL,
Chief Clerk.

Chief Clerk's Office, High Court, Fort, Bombay, this 21st September, 1917.

9908.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

In the matter of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913

and

In the matter of the Gaikwad Sugar Works and Distillery Co., Ltd., (in Liquidation).

DR. HARI WAMAN BHAT, of Poona Hindoo Inhabitant, residing at Sadashiv Peth, in Poona by his constituted Attorneys Moreshwar Damodar Bhat .....Petitioner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the winding up of the above-named Company by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay was on the 18th day of August, 1917, presented to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kajiji by the Petitioner abovenamed a Creditor, of the said Company and that the said Petition was directed to be heard before the said Learned Chamber Judge in Chambers in the said Court on the 1st day of September, 1917, and the same is adjourned by him to be heard before the Sitting Judge in Chambers on the 6th day of October, 1917. Any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to oppose the making of an Order for the winding up of the said Company under the above Act should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 21st day of September, 1917.

SHAMRAO MINOCHEHER & HIRALAL,
Attorneys for the Petitioner above named,
No. 95 Ash Lane, Fort Bombay.

9900

SALE BY AUCTION

CRAWFORD & CO'S SALES.

SALE TO-DAY AT 3 P.M.

AUCTION SALE OF A PARCEL OF PEARL (BUTTONS).)

Under instruction from the Bombay Merchants Bank Ltd. and on account and risk of Messrs. Bhaichand Karamchand and Co., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by public auction THIS DAY Saturday the 22nd day of September 1917, at 3 p.m., (S.T.), at the Branch Office of the said Bank in the building of Mr. Puranmal Gulji Singhani opposite Telwadi, Kalbadevi Road, the following:

Parcel No. 645 Pearl (Buttons) about 110 ohows.

A deposite of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

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Under instructions from S. N. Gazdar, Esq., the liquidator of Messrs. TREACHER & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation) Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 24th day of September, 1917, at 3 p.m., (S.T.), at their Auction Rooms, on 1st Floor of No. 16, Apollo Street, opposite the Government Dockyard, the outstandings of the said company amounting to about Rs. 10,000.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned or to the said liquidator.

WEEKLY SALE.

On MONDAY, the 24th September, 1917. Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, at 1st floor of No. 16, Apollo Street, opposite the Government Dockyard and next to the Great Western Hotel, Fort, horses, carriages and bicycles, at 2-30 p.m., (S.T.), and new designed furniture and sundry articles at 3 p.m., (S.T.)

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AUCTION SALE OF 52 DRUMS JAPANESE BLEACHING POWDER.

On MONDAY, the 24th September, 1917. at 3 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. GANDHI & Co., will sell by public auction at Princess Dock by order of Messrs. Luxaman Dalal and Co., and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchasers Messrs. C. R. Gordhanlal and Co., of Ahmedabad.

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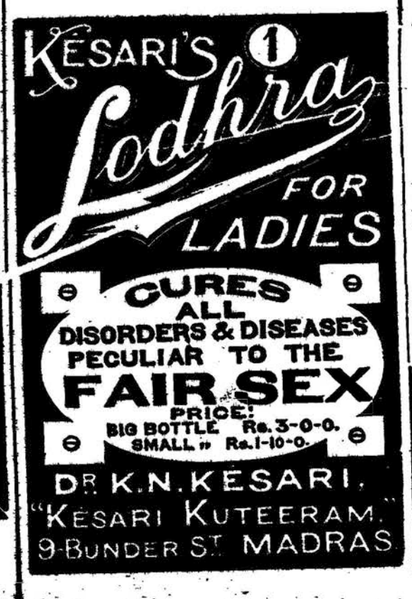

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(16th Sunday after Trinity: 23rd Sept. 1917.)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Cathedral, St. Thomas the Apostel Church Gate Street.—Clergy: Rev. M. L. Arnould Senior Presidency Chaplain, Rev. W. F. M. Hammerton, Garrison Chaplain, 7 a.m., Holy Communion; 7-45 a.m., Matins; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion. Choral—Woodword in E. Flat. Hymns 193, 540, 107, 271; 5-30 p.m., Children's Service; 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon. Canticles—Anthem Woodward in A. Hymns 184, 215 20. Collections for Building Fund of Nasie Home for Children. Daily Matins at 7-15 a.m. and Evensong at 4-45 p.m. Daily Holy Communion at 7-45 a.m. On Wednesdays Choral Evensong at 6-30 p.m. War Litany at 7 p.m.

Afghan Memorial Church, Colaba.—Chaplain Rev. R. L. Wormald. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Parade Service; 5-15 p.m. Sunday School; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service.

All Saints' Chuch, Malabar Hill.—8 a.m., Matins; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evensong.

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, Parel.—Chaplain Rev. J. B. Glass. 8 a.m., Morning Prayer; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon, Preacher Rev. J. B. Glass.

Emmanuel Church, Girgaum.—Clergy: English.—Rev. H. T. Vodden, M.A. (Incumbent), Rev. Canon R. S. Heywood, M.A., Rev. H. W. Lea-Wilson, M. A. Marathi—Rev. Canon D. L. Joshi and Rev. D. A. Yardi, B.A., Gujarati.—Rev. L. Hari English Services 8 a.m., Holy Communion 6-30 p.m, Evening Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon. Collections for the N. C. C. Forward Fund. Marathi Service 9 a.m. Gujarati Service, 2-30 p.m.

St. Paul's, Kamatipura (S.P.G.), Foras Road.—7a.m., Matins; 7-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion (Choral): 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Christ Church, Byculla.—Chaplain Rev. C. F. W. Hatchel 7-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8-30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 5-15 p.m., Children's Service; 6-30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon. Offertory for the League of Mercy.

St. Nicholas' Church (opposite Prince's Dock).—Chaplain (Vacant). 9.15 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.—Week days; 9 p.m., Evening Prayer.

Holy Trinity Church, Hornby Road.—Clergy Rev. A. L. Bradbury 8 a.m., Matins and Litany; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Cross, Umarkhadi (Chapel of Ease to St. Peter).—Clery Rev. Fr. Moore. Rev. H. Lord and Rev. J. Londhe. 6-30 a.m., Holy Communion (English); 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion (Marathi); 9 a.m., Matins (Gujarati) 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon (Marathi).

St. Peter's, Mazagon.—6-30 a.m., Holy-Eucharist; 7-15 a.m., Matins and Litany; 8-0 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 10-30 a.m., Children's Service; 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

St Andrew's Church (Church of Scotland). Apollo Street, Fort.—Senior Chaplain Rev. J. Drummond Gordon B. D. 9-30 a.m., Joint Service with United Free Church of Scotland; 5-15 p.m., Sunday School; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service.

United Free Church of Scotland, Wandby Road.—Chaplain: Rev. B. M. Gray. 9-30 a.m., United Service in St. Andrew's Church; 5-0 p.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service. Preacher, Rev. R. B. Douglas.

WESLEYAN.

Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens.—9 a.m., Morning Service, Preacher Rev. F. Hart. 6-30 p.m., Evening Service, Preacher: Rev. T. T. Sheriff; Sunday School at at 3 p.m.

Wesleyan Marathi Mission—Minister Rev. Rahator 8-15 a.m., Byculla, 4-30 p.m. Elphinstone Road, Parel; 6-30 p.m., Elphinstone Road, Parel (Tamil and Telugu Service).

PRESBYTERIAN.

Ambroli Presbyterian Church, Girgaum Back Road.—Minister: Rev. M. B. Nicambe. English Service 8-30 a.m; Evening Service in Marathi, 5 p.m.

METHODIST.

Taylor Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Clare Road, Byculla.—Pastor: Rev. W. E. Bancroft. 8-30 a.m., Sunday School; 9-15 a.m., Morning Service; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service; 8-30 p.m., Men's Social Hour in Union Hall.

Bowen Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Lansdowne Road, Apollo Bunder.—Pastor: Rev. H. Ingham. 9-45 a.m., Sunday School; 11 a.m., Morning Service; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service. A cordial welcome to all.

CONGREGATIONAL.

American Mission Church, Hume Memorial Church, New Nagpada Road, Byculla.—Pastor: Rev. John Malelu. 9 a.m., Sunday School; 10 a.m., Sunday School Teachers' Class; 3-45 p.m., Gospel Spreading Society; 5 p.m., Afternoon Service. Prayer Meeting on Friday at 8-30 p.m. Agripada; 9 a.m., Sunday School; 5 p.m., Afternoon Service.

BAPTIST.

Bombay Baptist Church (opp. Post Office), Middle Colaba.—Minister Rev. E. P. Blackaby. 9 o'clock morning and 6-30 o'clock evening the Pastor will Preach. Sunday School from 5 to 6 p.m. All seats free. A cordial welcome to all.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Apollo Bunder (opposite Watson's Annexe).—Service: Sunday 6-30 p.m., Saturday, 6-30 p.m., 5-15 Sabbath School: Wednesday 6-30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Pastors: G. W. Petit and W. R. French in charge.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

The Cathedral (Our Lady of Hope), Kalbadevi.—Vicar Rev. Dr. B de Monte. 7 and 8-30 a.m., Masses; 5-30 p.m. Evening Service.

The Holy Name, Wodehouse Road.—Clergy: The Jesvit Fathers. Masses 6 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Evening Service 6-30 p.m.

St. Anne's, Byculla.—Clergy: The Jesuit Fathers. Masses 6-30 a.m., 7-30 a.m., and 8-30 a.m. Evening Service 6-30 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Managon.—Masses: 5-30 a.m., 7 a.m., and 8-30 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m.

Cavel Church (Our Lady of Health).—Vicar: Rev. M. DeSa. Masses 7 and 8-30.

Church of St. Francis Xavier, Dabal (Burrow's Lane, Girgum Road.—Vicar: Rev. Fr. J. N. Coutinho. 5-30, 6-30 7-30 and 10-30 a.m., Masses. 6 p.m., Benediction.

St. Theresa's Chapel Girgaum Tram Termines—Chaplain: Rev. D. Remedios. 6-30 a.m. Mass, 5-0 p.m., Evening Service.

Chapel of Our Lady of Dolours, New Sonapur.—Chaplain: Rev. Daniel X Fernandes. Masses at 6 and 8 a.m. with Benediction and Sermon; 6-30 p.m. Sermon and Benediction. The Feast of our Lady of Dolours will be celebrated on the 23rd instant preceded by Novenas which will commence from the 16th current. Novena Mass will begin at 7-15 a.m.

Evening Service Comprising Rosary, Sermon and Benediction will commence at 7 p.m. The Rev. Lucas Antonio Campos from Aujuna, Goa will preach during Novenas.

Church of N. S. de Salvacao, Dadar.—Acting Vicar Rev. J. J. Dias. Sunday: Low Masses at 5-30 and 6-30 a.m., Evening Service 4-30 p.m. Daily Masses 6-30 and 8 a.m. Mount Mary's Chapel, Bandra Hill, Bandra —9-30 a.m. Mass.

The death occurred at Ajmere of Pandit Pateshchand Mehta, a prominent citizen and public man of Rajputana.

COMMERCIAL.

CABLE QUOTATIONS.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Liverpool, Sept. 20th.

		Bales.
Total Day's	Sales at Liverpool	2,000
" "	Sales on Spec. & for Exp.	Nil
" "	Sales of East Indian	100
" "	Imports	Nil
Mid. Americans		17.42
Fair Dhollerah F.G.F.		27.60
New York 11 a.m. (As known in Liverpool at closing time)	Oct.	21.42
	Jan.	21.11
	Mar.	21.25
New Orleans 10 a.m.	Oct.	20.99
	Jan.	20.73

OPENING TONE AND PRICES.

Liverpool, Sept. 20th.

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—
Prices fixed for to-day.

Months.	
Sept.	16.42
Sept.-Oct.	16.12
Oct.-Nov.	15.70
Nov.-Dec.	15.30
Dec.-Jan.	15.15
Jan.-Feb.	15.05
Feb.-Mar.	14.95
Mar.-April.	14.87
April-May.	14.79
May-June.	14.71
June-July.	14.63

EGYPTIAN FUTURES.

Liverpool, Sept. 20th.

Prices fixed for to-day

Months.	
Oct.	20.63
Nov.	20.35

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Liverpool, Sept. 20th.

M.G. Bengal Good		14.15
" " Fully Good		14.40
" " Fine		14.65
No 1 Oomra Good		15.65
" " Fine		16.15
Broach Good		16.99
" Fully Good		17.17
" Fine		17.35
Scinde Good		14.15
" Fully Good		14.40
" Fine		14.65

AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, Sept. 19th.

Day's Exports to Great Britain	Nil
" " to Continent	Nil
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	8¼
Demand Bills	4.75.55
Silver Commercial Bars	105½

MONEY MARKET.

London, Sept. 19th.

Consols 2½ %	55
Rupee Paper 3½ % Nominal	50
Indian Stock 3½ % Sterling Loan	65
Government Securities 3 %	55½
Rt. on London at Paris Francs	27.55

WAR LOANS.

London, Sept. 19th.

3½ % 1925—1928	£87
4½ % 1925—1945	£97½
5 % New	£94½

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

London, Sept. 19th.

RAPESEED.

Rapeseed, Ferozepore usual Bold per ton Sept.-Oct. Sellers	595
Rapeseed, Ferozepore Ordinary Aug.-Sept. Value	590
Rapeseed, Yellow Guzerat 416 lbs. ex-Ship per ton Sept.-Oct. Buyers	600
Rapeseed, Brown, Cawnpore 416 lbs. ex-Ship per ton Aug.-Sept. Value	560

LINSEED.

Linseed Bombay per 416 lbs. ex-Ship Sept.-Oct. Buyers	600

METALS.

English best Selected Copper	£133
Standard Copper G.M.B. Nominal	£126½
Hard Spelter Nominal	--

RUBBER.

Para Rubber Fine Hard Cure Oct. Buyers	3/11
Plantation First Latex Crepe Sept. Value	2/9½

BEEF AND MUTTON TALLOW.

London, Aug., 19th.

Finest Australian Beef Tallow	72
" " Mutton Tallow	72
General Tone of Tallow Auction very firm.	

BOMBAY MARKETS.

COTTON.

(From our Commercial Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, Sept. 22.

In the Home markets there has been a steady advance in prices during the past week. In Liverpool the rise up to yesterday's close has been 65 points, while in New York, up to the close on Wednesday the advance has been 140 points. Probably this is a natural reaction on shorts covering in New York, possibly on less favourable weather reports.

One of the chief bearish factors in the Home markets, of which we have heard a good deal lately, is the prospective curtailment in consumption. The present enforced partial stoppage of Lancashire mills will, of course, cause a curtailment for a time, but it is not likely that this stoppage will last for the whole year. Everyone in the British cotton trade is against the present market restrictions, and—as "Cotton" says—"nothing but patriotism of the highest order is keeping trade resentment in check, nevertheless such increases daily." Will the Board of Control be able to stand against this, or will it be forced to remove the restrictions in the Liverpool market? This is a pregnant question, and one which may find an answer any day. Restrictions on a trade are at any time undesirable, and more particularly so on such a trade as the British cotton industry. It is therefore quite possible that the voice of Lancashire will make itself heard, and this curtailment of consumption and other restrictions be removed. As to America we do not see, with America at war, where much curtailment can come in; but lately anything pessimistic about cotton has found a hearing. For ourselves we believe that "prospective curtailment of consumption" is merely a catch-phrase of the hour. The latest statistics from America show no sign of any curtailment of the consumption there.

It is rumoured in the bazaar that New York closed yesterday (Thursday) a further 90 points higher.

Locally the market was irregular at the beginning of the week and Good Broach April fluctuated between Rs. 411 and Rs. 420. Yesterday the market was closed for a holiday and the quotation was Rs. 427.8. This morning the rate quoted was Rs. 430 and the Marwari bazaar opened at Rs. 436. Closing prices will be found below.

A large business has been done. Japanese export houses having sold freely till at the beginning of the week, but offerings were absorbed by shorts covering. A considerable amount of jobbing was also done, and in the bazaar speculators both sold and bought. Some large lines of Good Broach, Fully Good Bengal and Fine Khamgaon Akola were placed. Fine Bengal January has been very steady with few sellers, the continuance of rain in the United Provinces and Punjab having made operators chary of doing business in this class. Khandeish and Muthia have also been very steady, but the business passing has been small. The continuance of rain, and the rise at Home, have lately caused firmer feeling here, and prices are advancing.

For ready cotton there has been an improvement in the demand for high class lots, and cotton of really good staple. Selection is, however, difficult and fair prices have been paid for nice cotton. Inferior quality is not easy to place.

Crop accounts are less favourable from some districts. In the United Provinces and the Punjab rain has been and is excessive and damage is reported. In parts of Rajputana also heavy rain has caused damage, as well as in some of the Kathiawar (Muthia) districts. Broach also reports damage. On the other hand though heavy rain fell in Broach no damage is reported, but the crop wants fine weather. In Khamgaon it is said that the plants could hardly look better, and the crop is excellent; and from America the accounts of the growing crop are satisfactory. The Khandeish crop is doing fairly well. A break would now be beneficial as sunshine and bright fair weather is generally needed, particularly in the North of India.

QUOTATIONS 6 P.M.

OLD CROP.

Fine M.G. Bengal	--	Sept.	-- 341
Good M.G. Westerns	--	Aug.-Sept.	-- 425
Good H.G. Westerns	--	Aug.-Sept.	-- 405
Good Sawgd Dharwar	--	Augt.-Sept.	-- 466
Good M.G. Coomaun	--	Aug.-Sept.	-- 475
Good M.G Miraj	--	Aug.-Sept.	-- 454

NEW CROP.

Good Broach	--	April	-- 435½
Fine Khamgaon Akola	--	January	-- 416
" Khandeish	--	"	-- 396
" Muthia	--	"	-- 382
" Bengal	--	"	-- 342
Fully Good Bengal	--	"	-- 334

Quotations for NEW CROP are nett, the 5½ per cent discount having been abolished.

The rooms of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association were closed to-day owing to a Jain Holiday.

QUOTATION AT 9-30 P. M.

NEW CROP.

Broach good	--	April	433/8
Bengal Fully good	--	January	333

THE BOMBAY COTTON EXCHANGE CO., LD.

Market Quotation for Ready and Forward Delivery Contracts as fixed by the Rate Committee of the Exchange.

COLABA, 21st Sept. 1917, at 5-30 p.m.

Growths.	Super Fine	Fine	Fully Good	Delivery.
Bengals (M.G.)	354	344	332	Ready
Scinde-Punjab (M.G.)	356	344	332	Ready
Wadhwan (M.G.)	--	476	463	Ready
Bhagalkote-Bijapur (M.G.)	--	--	434	Ready
Sawgd. Dharwar	--	--	428	Ready
	--	--	454	Ready
Westerns (M.G.)	--	--	424	Ready
Westerns (H.G.)	--	--	414	Ready
Compta (M.G.)	--	--	469	Ready
Miraj (M.G.)	--	--	462	Ready

RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

Receipts of various growths of Cotton at Bombay compared with the corresponding periods in the previous season:—

Growths.	For week ending 20th September.	Total to date since September 1st. 1917.	1916.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Khandesh	919	2,125	677
Central India	334	1,831	1,021
Barsee and Nugger	41	228	283
Berar	Nil	526	1,617
Central Provinces	37	43	961
Total Oomras	1,331	4,895	4,564
Dholleras	1,312	3,796	1,066
Broach	Nil	129	6
Compta and Dharwar	1,614	10,878	2,903
Westerns-Northerns	1,487	6,527	3,845
Bengals N.W. Province	24	1,247	6,978
Bengals Rajputana	590	1,360	5,150
Sind, Punjab	299	596	3,596
Cocanada	79	397	1,228
Persian	Nil	2	Nil
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	48	48	Nil
American	Nil	Nil	518
Egyptian	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other sorts	279	439	611
			44
Total	6,991	30,329	29,1

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Enquiries solicited. Quotations on application

WEEK'S RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of cotton produce, etc. for the week ending 6 p.m. of 20th September:—

Cotton	6,991	bales
Wheat	24,611	cwts.
Linseed	29,636	"
Kape, Eal & Mustardseed, etc.	595	"
Gingellyseed	Nil	
Poppyseed	434	"
Groundnuts	7,650	"
Castorseed	41,048	"
Rice	32,689	"
Myrabollams	12,853	"
Cottenseed	2,893	"
Mowraseed	Nil	
Gram	3,656	"
Jowar	345	"
Maize	190	"
Barley	2,750	"

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts for week ending 20th September 1917	6,991
Total receipts from 1st September 1917 to 20th September 1917	30,329

Shipments for week ending 20th September	1917. 38,875	1916. 10,232
Total shipments from 1st September 1917 to 20th September 1917	1917. 177,374	1916 85,865

EXPORTS OF COTTON BY RAIL FROM BOMBAY.

	Bales.
G.I.P. Railway from 1st Sept. 1916 to 25th Aug. 1917	59,306
B.B. & C.I. Railway from 1st September 1917 to 8th Sept. 1917	150

ESTIMATED STOCK OF COTTON IN BOMBAY.

Estimated Stock on 31st August, 1917		960,000
Receipts from 1st September 1917 to 20th September 1917	30,329	
		990,329
Shipments from 1st September 1917 to 20th September 1917	177,374	
		812,955
Sent up-country by rail	150	
		812,805
Estimated Mill consumption from 1st September 1917 to 20th September 1917	59,000	
		753,805
Stock in all hands, including Exports and Mills on 20th September 1917		753,805
Increase or decrease as compared with last week		—47,937

STOCK OF COTTON PIECE-GOODS IN BOMBAY WAREHOUSES.

On the last day of the month.	In 1917. Bales.	Cases.	Totals.	In 1916 Bales.	Cases.	Totals.
January	22,158	33,784	55,895	37,492	37,066	74,560
February	26,382	34,162	59,544	37,427	37,299	74,726
March	28,500	34,350	62,850	37,021	36,761	73,782
April	30,716	32,482	63,198	33,977	27,273	61,250
May	38,617	16,580	55,197	34,539	25,402	63,141
June	31,185	27,236	59,421	34,164	28,705	62,859
July	29,877	25,435	55,312	34,281	32,084	66,365
August	27,630	24,499	52,329	34,700	35,007	70,338
September				31,065	33,809	64,874
October				31,357	30,993	62,350
November				24,625	29,285	53,910
December				21,401	29,741	50,146

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

Imports of Wheat, Seeds and Food grains into Bombay 1st January 1917 to 20th Sep. 1917, as compared with last year:—

	1917.	1916.
Wheat	6,712,179	3,210,283
Linseed	2,074,178	3,518,347
Rape Rai &c.	283,915	404,984
Gingellyseed	662,412	728,877
Poppyseed	65,139	90,444
Groundnuts	1,781,670	1,020,286
Castorseed	1,077,138	1,300,707
Rice	5,886,020	4,766,598
Myrabollams	399,820	540,462
Cottonseed	409,720	1,024,170
Mowraseed	7,473	66,019
Gram	762,102	655,552
Joowar	271,337	901,621
Maize	9,478	6,691
Barley	435,005	964,075

Wheat:—The market is steadier and prices have advanced owing to some short covering, and less offering to sell.

We quote:

September	Rs.	6	9	0
April-May	"	6	8	9

Linseed:—The market is weak on pressure to sell by speculators, and a very poor demand.

We quote:

September	Re.	7	10	6
May	"	8	6	6

The following are to-day's closing rates as issued by the Marwari Chamber of Commerce.

Ready.	Bombay, Sept. 21st. Bazar Terms. Rs as. p.	Rail Delivery Rs. as. p.
Wheat, White Delhi 70-30	42 0 0	6 8 0
" Cawnpore 70-30	42 0 0	6 8 0
" Karachi Bangia	43 0 0	6 9 0
Rapeseed, Brown Delhi	6 10 0	7 0 0
" Cawnpore	6 9 0	6 15 0
" Yellow Cawnpore	6 14 0	7 4 0
Linseed, Brown Bold	7 3 0	7 9 0
" Thin	7 0 0	7 6 0
Teelseed, White 85.15	44 0 0	5 4 0
" Gajar 75.25	43 0 0	5 2 0
" Gajar 50.50	42 0 0	5 0 0
" Black	36 0 0	5 0 0
Poppyseed, White	7 3 0	7 9 0
Groundnuts	38 0 0	7 14 0
Mowraseed	4 0 0	4 4 0
Forward.	Rs. as. p.	
Wheat April-May	6 9 0	
" Sept. Contract	6 6 0	
Linseed May	8 6 0	
" Sept. Contract	7 10 0	

BULLION.

Bombay, Sept. 21.

During the week although there was not much business done, there was fairly a good rise in the silver market chiefly due to bears covering sales. The present stock is estimated at about 2,800 Bars, and the Offtake continues on an average of about 6 Bars a day. The London price has advanced to 54d. and is firm thereat; but the China exchange was unchanged throughout the week probably due to a fairly good amount of import from America into China, while the export is dull owing to scarcity of tonnage. There is every possibility of the China market improving.

Gold.—Has declined, and there were big fluctuations in Sovereigns, and a large of amount of business was done on speculative basis. Sovereign moved between Rs. 15-12 and Rs. 15-14-6.

Bar Gold 25-12.
Sovereign 15-14.
Silver Ready Ex-duty 102-12.
Silver 1st Sept Ex-duty 102-15.

EXCHANGE.

Is unchanged and business is being done on a very limited scale and the rate for 60 days sight D. P. Bills on Japan has fallen to 149½, nominal, owing to the new Government Order for Sovereigns.

Money.—Continues very plentiful in the market and Loans are available at about 3½ per cent. Roubles are quoted from Rs. 40 to 41. for every 100 Roubles.

Bank Tel. Transfer 1 4. 31 32.
Bank demand drafts 1 5 1/32.
3 Months sight Credits 1 5 13. 32.
Bank demand on France Fr. 194.
3 Months sight Francs Fr. 209½.
D. D. on Hongkong Rs. 296.
D. D. on Shanghai Rs. 338.
T. T. on Japan Rs. 150.
60 days sight Japan Rs. 149½ nominal.
Bank demand on New York Rs. 297 8.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

The following are the nominal rates:—
5 per cent. War Loan 1929-47.
Cum-warant 95.
Warrant 2 7 per cent.
4 per cent. Conversion Loan 82.
4 per cent. Terminable Loan 85.
3½ per cent. Small pieces 69.
3 per cent. Small pieces 58.
4 per cent. Port Trust Bond guaranteed redeemable 3 months notice 80.
4 per cent Port Trust Long dated 78.
Municipal Long dated 76.
Municipal Short dated 80.
City Improvement Trust 60 years Jan-July 79.
5 per cent. Municipal Tansa 92.
Sanitary 94.
The following are the Bank rates:—
Bank of Bombay 5 per cent.
Bank of Bengal 5 per cent.
Bank of Madras 6 per cent.

SHARES.

The improvement foreshadowed in our foregoing weekly reports has, at last, eventuated; and it is refreshing to be able to advise a substantial advance in the values of most of the mill scrips. Weaving shares again monopolished attention and although transactions did not assume anything like voluminous proportions a respectable business transpired at steadily advancing rates.

The improvement in the Russian political situation and the enlivening conditions governing the cloth market which marks further progress in value, have combined to engender a feeling of confidence and investors are coming out fairly freely even at present high rates.

The yarn market has not been particularly heartening for some time past but cloth has been making a headway steadily almost everyday and weavers, no doubt, are reaping a golden harvest.

Having regard to the prevailing conditions and in view of the excellent prospects in store, we see no reason to alter our good opinion of the future of the market as far as weaving mill shares are concerned. There may be, and will be, occasional setbacks due to profit-taking or to various rumours to which the market is so susceptible, but the eventual trend of rates cannot be otherwise than upwards, and a further substantial advance ought not to be wondered at.

The rise in rates recorded during the week is especially noticeable in Madhavjees, Simplexs and Central Indias, the latter on the report of an expected big dividend.

Among other sections Tata Irons have kept fairly steady Ordinaries round Rs. 265, and deferreds about Rs. 1280. Cement and mining share, do not call for any comment, being more or less neglected. There has been very little doing in Banks, Railways and other miscellaneous concerns.

Standards were placed at prices varying from 1,900 to 1,950 and closed at 1937/8. Madhavjees from 2,660, to 2,610, and closed at 2615. Fazulbhoys from 845 to 875 and closed at 870. Nagpurs from 2530 to 2565 and closed at 2555. Simplexs from 745 to 780, and closed at 767/8. Crescents from 247 8 to 255, and closed at 252 8. Indian Bleachings from 243 12 to 247/8, and closed at 246/4. Currimbhoys from 363/12 to 372/8, and closed at 370. Pearls from 555 to 575. Indore Malwas from 370 to 375, Finlays from 347/8 to 360.

Bombay Uniteds improved to 785 Colaba to 1240. Swadeshis to 1855 ex-dividend. Davids to 535, Kasturchands to 1315. Kohinoor to 870 Manockjee Petit to 1960, New Greats to 220, Shaturji to 130, and Swan to 317.

Tata Iron ordinaries declined to 266/4, and deferreds were placed between 1295 and 1285. Katni ordinary improved to 260, and Deferreds to 1280. Shivraipurs were placed from 53 to 52 8. Bundi improved to 23, and Central India Mining to 47/8.

Alcock Ashdowns improved to 1110. Bombay Tramways to 350. Bombay Steams to 310. Bombay Burmas to 1035, and Tata Hydros declined to 1220.

PIECE-GOODS.

A steady tone has prevailed in the Cloth Market during the past week. The retail demand has been somewhat better. Rupee rates of special cloths have advanced to a very high level. The speculative transactions amongst the dealers in the bazaar are at a standstill at present. In the meantime, as stocks of standard cloths are getting light, sellers are shewing a firm front to buyers. As the Hindu Holidays have now been over it is hoped that a fair demand will be forthcoming from the upcountry districts, as reports of the crop are favourable and stocks are scarce. The goods that had found their way to the Bombay Market from various other markets for profit-taking, have not been consumed, but have only been transferred from one hand to the other. The level of prices in other upcountry markets is very much below that of the local market, and had it not been for the difficulties of transport, more goods would have been brought down here. Actual consumption has been naturally curtailed to a great extent, owing to exorbitant prices that are now ruling, and where originally packages were bought at a time, buyers have now been content with a few pieces. The Manchester Market has not shewn any appreciable change. Quotations are still high and far from the ideas of buyers. There is some hesitation on the part of merchants in committing themselves to high-priced purchases, lest the goods may remain in their hands even after the war comes to an end. This is not improbable as considerable delay has been experienced in the production as well as the shipment of goods and the difficulties are likely to increase as time goes on, and one can never know what the state of the market will be when the goods will eventually arrive here.

GREYS.

The off-take for Grey goods is somewhat better, and prices have remained firm and steady. 45 inches Red End Shirtings command good value owing to scarcity of stocks. Dewhurts' Shirtings have shewn a fair improvement, and sellers are getting good profits. Japanese Shirtings have attracted a good deal of attention, and a further advance of six annas per piece has been established. 36 inches by 39 yards Japanese sheetings are also selling well at an increase of two annas per piece. Japanese "Elephant" Drills have firmed up owing to better inquiry. Lancashire and American Drills have not shewn any change. There has been some more enquiry for Grey Jaconets, which have been sold in retail quantities at an advance of one anna per piece.

WHITES.

An improvement has been noticeable in White Goods. Although buying has not been brisk, sellers have shewn a firm front. Several styles are in short supply and values of the same have been put up to an exorbitant level. Tape Bordered Nainsooks have improved by an anna per piece. Sachatilla Heading 19 yards White Mulls have fetched very good values. Owings to the scarcity of these goods in the widest width, the difference between the prices of 51 and 56 inches has been raised to a rupee per piece. 39 inches Gold End Mulls have declined by an anna per piece owing to resales made in the bazaar. White Shirtings have been in better request, and although prices here have gone up very high, yet a further improvement is anticipated, as shipments in the near future are not expected to be heavy.

The quotations for the leading chops of Greys and Whites are as under:—

	Ins.	Yds.		Rs.	a.	p.
Grey Shirtings—						
Ralli's Pari No. 2000	38	37½		12	4	0
" " 100000	45	37½		12	12	0
Fleming's No. 1905	48	38		14	12	0
Bates' No 12838	41	37½		17	4	0
Dewhurst's Rupee" No.5	39	36				
" "B.B.B."	38	38½		18	8	0
Grey Jaconets.—						
Ralli's No 18	45	22		7	5	0
Grey Drills—						
Pepperell "Dragon"	29	40		19	6	0
Ralli's Musjid, No.425	36	36		12	0	0
White Shirtings—						
Liepman's No. 1500	32	42		19	6	0
H. B. T. C. 40000	36	40		22	8	0
White Nainsooks—						
Ralli's Nos. 6/60/600	27	18		3	15	0
" No. 6000	36	22		5	14	0
Graham's Nos. 88/8888.	32	18		4	6	0
" 50000	34	18		5	11	0
Greaves' No. 9000 T.B.	38	22		6	2	0
Ritchie's 3500/4510-5520	36	18		3	9	0
White Mulls—						
Ralli's Nos. 6/60/600	41"	46"	51"	18	4	0
" No. 6000	44	19		9	8	0
" " 88	44	20		7	8	0
" " 818	38	20		7	12	0
Ritchie's No. 975	46	18		6	12	0
" " 815	40	18		6	8	0
" " 66200	40	18		5	11	0
Greaves' No. 5000	27	18		3	7	0

JAPANESE CLOTHS.

The following are the prices ruling in the bazaar for well-known Japanese Cloths:—

GREY SHIRTINGS—

	Ins.	Yds.		Rs	a.	p.	
No. 55000	44	36		14	10	0	
No. 100	"	"		16	4	0	
No. 200	"	"		15	14	0	
No. 2005	"	"		15	14	0	
No. 220	"	"		14	11	0	
Nos. 2260/2300	"	"		15	8	0	
No. 7200	"	"		14	12	0	
No. 3000	38	38		12	8	0	
No. 666	"	"		12	10	0	
No. 161	33	36		13	0	0	
No. 191	36	36		14	0	0	
GREY SHEETINGS—							
9 Dragons	36	36		10	2	0	
"C" Quality	36	36		8	14	0	
GREY DRILLS—							
Elephant	29	40		16	12		

LANCASHIRE YARNS.

The yarn market has remained quiet and the demand has not been important. Buyers have kept aloof in anticipation of obtaining goods later on at lower rates. Deliveries have fallen off, but as stocks are moderate, merchants are not anxious to dispose of their holdings. In view of the strength of the market on the other side, dealers expect an improvement in the local market as soon as the demand develops. Fresh forward business has not been reported. Lancashire Grey Yarns are quoted as under:—

30s. Water Twist, best, per lb. Rs. 1-10-0.
30s. Water Twist, ordinary, per lb. Rs. 1-9-0.
40s. Water Twist, best, per lb. Rs. 1-11-0.
40s. Water Twist, ordinary per lb. Rs. 1-10-0.

STOCK OF PIECE-GOODS AND YARNS.

The list issued by the Bombay Chamber of Commerce indicates a stock of 27,830 bales and 24,4999 cases of cotton piece-goods as on the 31st August last, which shows a decrease of 2,047 bales and 936 cases compared with the figures of the previous month. The stock of Cotton Twist and Yarns on the 31st August last stands at 3,947 packages, which shows an increase of 80 packages as compared with the previous month. The actual deliveries of cotton piece-goods from the Port Trust and Importers' Godowns have been 9,620 packages.

PETROLEUM.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY'S QUOTATIONS.

Snowflake	150°	at Rs.	7 8 0	per case
White Rose	150°	"	7 8 0	"
Chester	76°	Abel "	7 2 0	"
Devoe's	76°	"	7 2 0	"
Monkey	125°	"	6 14 0	"
Tiger	125°	"	6 14 0	"
White Camelia tins	125°	"	6 2 0	per 2tins
Elephant tins	125°	"	6 2 0	"
Elephant Bulk	125°	"	4 14	per 81mp Galls.

POSTAL CLERKS' GRIEVANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHRONICLE."

Sir,—The Bombay Postal Clerks (Bombay G. P. O. and its T. S. Os.) submitted as long ago as February of this year a representation to the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, (India), containing the following prayers:—

I. That in view of the block in promotion occurring on account of the lower grades in the service being disproportionately larger than the higher, and in view of the fact that such blocks are matters of periodical occurrence, it is necessary to change the present system under which a large majority of the clerks will have to retire even before they reach the grade of Rs. 60.

II. That these Postal Clerks are not in receipt even of the local allowance.

III. That in this connection the Postal Clerk in Bombay is much worse off than his confrere in the mofussil. A glance at the respective gradation lists will show that the length of service of the men in the Senior Grades in Bombay and the mofussil is about equal, so that the higher scale which is supposed to be available for men in Bombay on account of its higher cost of living is illusory.

IV. That the only remedy is to follow the example of the different Departments of the Local Government in the Western Presidency and to introduce a "Time Scale of Promotion." A starting salary of Rs. 30 per month rising at an annual rate of Rs. 3 to Rs. 90 per month in twenty years, is the minimum that will remove the unbearable situation in which the clerks have at present the ill luck to be. Less than that will not even be a living wage in view of the tremendously increasing cost of living in Bombay.

The clerks later submitted a reminder in July last to the Director-General, in the course of which they said:

"Even a cursory glance at the gradation lists of the last three years will show, that there has ensured an almost absolute block in promotion, and that the great majority of the clerks are in receipt of incomes which are totally inadequate in view of the length of their service, or their responsibilities in life. The only remedy that suggests itself is the institution of an incremental grade based on a time scale. This is necessary not merely in view of the even flow of promotion having been now wholly retarded, but also in order that even chances of betterment may be available to all men. If the history of services of clerks of different periods be reviewed, it will be found that the length of service necessary to reach a particular grade has already varied; and this variation has never been a measure of their difference in capacity."

It is now September.—Yours, etc.,

R. P. I.

BANKS.

Names and Amount paid up.	Face value.	Div. Paid.	Last Div.	Quotations nett to buyers.
INDIAN BANKS.	Rs.			Rs.
Allahabad Bank	100	Sept.-Oct.	15%	300
Alliance Bank	100	Jan.-Aug.	14%	300
Bk of Baroda Rs. 50	100	Jan.-July.	10%	X D. 75
Bank of Bombay	500	June-Dec.	17½	1,625
Bank of Bengal	500	Jan.-July.	17½	1,625
Bank of India Rs. 50	100	do.	9%	75
Bank of Madras	500		12½	1,120
Central Bank Rs. 85	60		7½	30
Central Co-op. Bk.	100		6½	30
Standard Bk. { O 50	100	Jan.-July	Rs.	30
{ P 50	100	do.	Rs.	30
EXCHANGE BKS.				
Chartered Bank	20	Sept.-Oct.	15%	800
Eastern Bank Ltd. £4	£10	do.	6%	66
Mercantile Bank { £12½ A	25	Mar.-Dec.	12%	3330/6
{ £12½ B	25	do.	12½	333
Hongkong & Shanghai Bk.	$ 125		33⅓	470
National Bank £12½	£25		16%	£66

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad Advance	500	Apl.-Oct.	40		1,000
Bhimani Cotton Mill	100	--	2		200
Bombay Cotton	500	Nil.	--		250
Bombay Dyeing	250	Mar.-Sep.	35	X D.	700
Bombay United	250	--	--		250
Bradbury Mill	250	--	--		250
Century	100	Mar.-Sep.	15		350
Central India O	500	May-Nov.	50		2,500
Central India P	500	May-Nov.	5%	X D.	2,500
China	1,000	Apl.-Oct.	Rs.		2000
Colaba Land & Mill	750	--	50		1,200
Coorla	1,000	Mar.-Sept.	60		650
Crescent	100	do.	12		260
Carrimbhoy	250	Mar.-Sept.	25	X D.	370
David	250	do.	15		230
Edward Sassoon	250	May.-Nov.	10		155
Emperor Edward	500	--	25		575
Fazulbhoy	250	Mar.-Sep.	25		267/8
Framji Petit	1,000	May	80		1,400
Finlay	250	Apl.-Oct.	15		260
Gold Mohur	100	--	25		260
Globe	100	--	Nil.		80
Hindustan	1,000	--	60		260
Hyderabad	1,000	do.	60		1,000
Indian Dyeing	100	do.	15		240
Indian Manufg.	1,000		60		1,000
Indo-China	1,000	Mar.-Sept.	60		260
Indore Malwa	250	Mar.-Sept.	30		375
Jamshed	100	--	Nil.		260
Jewraj Baloo	1,000	Apl.-Oct.	Nil.		260
Kasturchand	500	Mar.-Sept.	150		1,315
Khandesh	1,000	Apl.-Oct.	50		600
Khatau	1,000	June-Dec.	100		2,000
Kohinoor	500	Mar.-Sep.	65	X D.	870
Lakshmi Cotton	1,000	Mar.-Aug.	100		1,200
Madhowji Dharamsi	500	Apl.-Sept.	100		1,000
Madras Limited	1,000	June-Dec.	60		1,000
Manekji Petit	1,000	Mar.-Sept.	60		1,000
Meyer Sassoon	100	Mar.-Sept.	Nil.		100
Morarji Goculdas	1,000	--	60		2,000
Mysore Spinning	250	Feb.-Aug.	8		260
Nowrosjee Wadia	250	Apl.-Oct.	20	nom.	260
New Great Eastern	250	--	12		260
New City of Bom.	250	Ap

BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

TO-DAY.

Mahomedan: 4th of Julhaj, 1335.
Hindu: 6th Sud of Bhadrapad, 1973.
Jewish: 6th of Thisri, 5677.
Parsi: 12th of Farwardin, 1287.
Sunrise: 6h. 28min.; Sunset: 6h. 36min.

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS.

Poona Races: Second Meeting, 1st Day.
Girl Guides' Sale of Work in Aid of Prisoners of War Fund, Y. W. C. A., Mayo Road, 5 p.m.
Mails for the Straits Settlements, Saigon, Manilla and Hongkong via Negapatam will be closed at the General Post Office at 10 a.m.
Mails for Muscat, Bushire, Fao, Henjam, Bunder-Abbas, Linga, Koweit, Chabhar and Pasni will be closed at the Bombay General Post Office at 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, Sept. 23.

Chanda Ramji Hindu Girls' High School Prize Distribution Ceremony, St. Xavier's College Hall, 5 p.m.
Organ Recital at Town Hall by Mr. Mortimer in aid of Seamen's Institute, 5 p.m.
Home Rule Lecture at Kalyan by Mr. Jamnadas Dwarakadas, Sant Tukaram Theatre, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, September 24

Municipal Corporation meeting 3-40 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 26.

Indian Merchants' Chamber and Bureau, Annual General Meeting, 19, Bank Street, Fort, 2 p.m.
Homeward English Mail will be closed at G. P. O. at 5 p.m. Registered Letters will be accepted up to 3 p.m. and Parcels up to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 27.

Bombay Natural History Society, an "At Home" of Members and their Friends, at 6, Apollo Street, at 6-15 p.m.
Bakri Id (Mahomedan Holiday) Banks closed.

AMUSEMENTS.

TO-NIGHT.

Excelsior Theatre: at 6-30. Bandman Varieties and Cinema.
Royal Opera House: 6-45 Cinema, and 8-30 The Howitt-Phillips Company in "The Land of Promise."
Empire Cinema: 6-30, 8-15 and 10-0 p.m.
Elphinstone Cinema: Lamington Road, 6-45, 8-30 and 10 p.m.
Palace of Varieties: At 6-30 and 10 p.m. every Wednesday, Saturday and Monday Show, every Sunday at 6-30 p.m. at Edwards.
West End Cinema: Charni Road, 5-30, 7-0, 6-45 and 10-15.
Imperial Cinema: Lamington Road, 7-0, 9-45 and 10-15 p.m.
New Alhambra Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7-15, 9-0 and 10-45.
Anglo-American Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.
Olympia Cinema: Sandhurst Road.

G. I. P. TRAINS FROM BOMBAY.

	Arr. H. M.	Dep. H. M.
Punjab Mail	16 0	14 25
Calcutta Mail (via Jubbulpore). ..	15 0	21 0
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	9 15	18 0
Madras Mail	8 40	21 30
Poona Mail	11 25	14 45
Delhi Express (3rd and Inter Class).	8 30	7 0.
Poona Express	19 40	7 55

	Dep.
Punjab Postal Express	On days of arrival seven hours after mail steamer is signalled
Calcutta Do. do.	
Madras Do. do.	

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

The following are the arrival and departure times from Colaba:—

BOMBAY.

	Arr. H. M.	Dep. H. M.
Northern Express	11 35	17 0
Gujrat Mail	3 15	21 0
Mahalwar rd Class Express ..	7 40	21 20

Domestic Occurrence.

DEATH.

BANAJI.—Cursetji Muncherjee Banaji, eldest son of the late Mr. Muncherji Nowroji Banaji, at his residence "Belmont," Altamount Road. Funeral to-day at 9 a.m. (S. T.).

BAND AT THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

By kind permission of Colonel T. W. Bonner, V.D., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battn., G. I. P. Rly. Regiment, will play this evening a programme of music, under the direction of Mr. Hugh B. Mitchell, Bandmaster, commencing at 6-15 o'clock.

ISRAELITE BROTHERHOOD.

The Weekly Class for the Study of Jewish History will be conducted this evening at 7-45 p.m. (S. T.), in the hall of the Brotherhood, 2nd Peerkhan Street, Byculla.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS.

The Roman Catholic members of the Traders' Association will offer their annual thanksgiving mass, to-morrow, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Mount, Bandra Hill, at 8-30 a.m. (S. T.).

CHANDA RAMJI HINDU GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

The prize distribution ceremony of the School will be performed at St. Xavier's College Hall, Cruickshank Road, to-morrow at 5 p.m. (S. T.). The Hon. Sir Mahadev Bhaskar Chaubal will preside and give away the prizes.

LECTURE ON HOME RULE AT THANA

Under the auspices of the Indian Home Rule League, Thana District Branch, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas will deliver a lecture on "Home Rule" at Kalyan, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 5 p.m. in the Sant Tukaram Theatre. Rao Bahadur C. V. Vaidya will preside. The lecture is open to the public.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood, to-day, in the Prarthana Samaj Hall, at 6-15 p.m. (S. T.), there will be a public debate, when Dr. P. N. Darawalla will move "That Social and Economic Reform is a condition precedent to the political regeneration of India." Mr. C. N. Paudya will oppose. Mr. S. G. Velinkar, Bar.-at-Law, will preside.

On Sunday at 9 a.m. (S. T.), in the Prarthana Samaj Hall, Mr. B. K. Dhurandhar, Advocate, will expound Tagore's "Sadhana." At the headquarters on the same day and at the same time Mr. L. S. Bhandarkar will conduct the Junior Class, when he will read Cowper's "Task."

BOMBAY AMUSEMENTS.

THE EXCELSIOR.

The story of "Masks and Faces" which will be presented to-night at the Excelsior, first appeared as the drama of that name by Tom Taylor and Charles Reade. Reade afterwards wrote a novel based upon the play, and called it "Peg Woffington." The novel is the richer of the two incidents and has accordingly been made the ground-work of this picture. The story, which tells of the loves and the humanity of Peg Woffington, the beautiful and vivacious actress from the Emerald Isle, who, from a humble orange girl, grew to be the darling of the theatre of her day, is too well known to need elaboration here. It is just a human tale of the simple emotions and pitfalls of life, but a tale pervaded by the charm of sincerity and typical to the last word of the homely British Drama. As such it has attracted to itself in the past many of the most eminent players. But rarely, if ever, has quite such an array of artists performed in it as appears in the picture version, or has its story been interpreted with more naturalness and truth.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.

There is plenty doing at the Royal Opera House to-day and to-morrow, and the Howitt-Phillips Company should be rewarded with some more large audiences. To-day we shall see "The Prodigal Son" at 5 o'clock and "Raffles" and to-morrow at 5 the first Sunday Matinee of the season.—"Under Two Flags" will be presented. Next week there are plenty of popular plays on the list also, with a Thursday Matinee. On Monday week it is hoped to give the first night of "Seven Days' Leave," the great Lyceum drama produced early in the year and still playing there to packed houses.

To-morrow at 10 p.m. and on subsequent evenings at 6-45 a new cinema bill will be shown, containing several pictures of special merit and great variety.

THE EMPIRE.

The Stellar position of the Empire Bill this week is occupied by the latest drama from the Pathe studios, "A Noble Action" played by the stars which featured in "Flanders My Country." It is a play of sentiment and shows the diverging ways of two artists, one who reached the goal of success and the other who fell on evil days and who makes a noble sacrifice for the happiness of the successful one. There will be the latest series of the comedy cartoons which is such a happy feature of this theatre. After many weeks a new Pathe Gazette is expected which will be eagerly looked forward to. A new interest has been added to film production by the new Combitone process of colouring films invented by the Pathe studios. This week will be shown a most delightful travel film of New Mexico in which these beautiful tints are nicely brought out. A programme of such variety should continue to pull the big crowds who have permanently made this beautiful picture theatre their favourite rendezvous.

NEW ALEXANDRA.

The picture goers in Bombay will have an opportunity of witnessing on the screen from this evening a unique Indian production. The enterprising management of this well-known Cinema have secured the screen adaptation of that great dramatic success of the Indian stage "Satyawadi Raja Harischandra" by the Elphinstone Bioscope Co. of Calcutta. This film version of the well known story of Harischandra the great Hindu king is a purely Indian rendering in every respect. Calcutta's most beautiful and emotional star actress Miss Savaria takes the leading role as Taramati the heroine and Bombay's well known actor Mr. Hormusji Tanta, takes the leading role as King Harischandra the hero of the play, supported by Mr. Bermashaw Tantra as Rishi Vishwamitra of late Mr. Baliwalla's Victoria Theatrical Co. All were specially engaged to interpret the various parts and the greatest possible amount of care and attention has been devoted to ensure correct topographical details. The photography is superb, comparing very favourably with some of the best European productions. In order to appeal to all classes and races, the production is based on the late Mr. Baliwala's stage version, that version which has been played for the last 15 years before enthusiastic crowds and which ran for 500 successive nights to crowded houses. We are confident that this unique Indian production will appeal to all in Bombay and particularly it will be appreciated by the Europeans in Bombay who will have an opportunity of seeing the late Mr. Baliwala's play produced on the screen in its entirety.

IMPERIAL.

Headed by the latest Pathe Gazette the Imperial programme this week contains the last three episodes of "Pearl of the Army" which suffices to fill the whole Bill. The concluding chapters of this successful serial are, needless to say, as thrilling and startling as the preceding ones. There are some very vivid scenes of how submarine mines are sown and the tremendous crash they make when they explode. An exciting incident occurs when Pearl snatches the American flag just in time from the hands of the enemy and thus reverts a contemplated revolution. In the last episode the Silent Menace is exposed and T. O. Adam's identity is also established. The final episodes are worth seeing.

The management of the Imperial Cinema announce a Baby Marie Sunshine film entitled "Told at Twilight" next week. This is one of the best pictures by Baby Marie and will be eagerly waited for.

ELDORADO.

The bill that will be presented from to-night at the above cinema is absolutely a high class programme, in which "Pina Menichelli, the well-known actress appears. The programme is a selected "menu" of films from the first to the last course. It starts with the Pathe Gazette, a beautiful Indian coloured view of Taj Mahal and tomb of an old Indian King. The masterpiece "The Fault" is another Itala-film revelation, featuring the unsurpassable Pina Menichelli with a scenario of Ligurian Riviera. There is an excellent comic also.

BOMBAY DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEES.

As a part of the propagandist and educative work of these committees a public meeting will be held to-day at 6 p.m. (S. T.), in the Vanita Vishram Hall, Sandhurst Road when Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, Barrister-at-Law, will deliver an address on "Mr. Montagu's Visit and the Congress-League Scheme of Reforms." Sir Narayanrao Chandavarkar will preside. Seats will be reserved for ladies.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Cursetji M. Banaji, the son of the late Muncherji Banaji, of Pedder Road. He was for a long time connected with the City of Bombay Mills, but had retired from business in his latter years, was known for his charities and philanthropy towards the poor of this City.

POSTMEN'S STRIKE.

GREAT CONGESTION OF MAILS.

THE SIMLA COMMUNIQUE.

(By our Special Correspondent.)

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Since writing last night, there has been very little further development to report, excepting a press communiqué issued by the Government of India. About 150 men have been imported from Rajkot, Nasik and Ahmednagar. These men who arrived here during the day have been distributed among the several offices in the City and Bandra. In the 1906 strike, the men who had been brought from outside, it may be noted, numbered approximately about 300.

The strikers met again this morning as well as in the afternoon on the Esplanade maidan and renewed their resolve to continue the strike. Last evening before returning to their homes they marched through the most busy business quarters of the City in a very orderly manner in files of five and created a mild sensation among the business men and the general public.

DELAY AND CONFUSION IN THE DELIVERY OF MAILS.

There is great dissatisfaction felt in business quarters over the dislocation of postal work. The mails are accumulating. As many as 50 of the English mail bags which were received last night still remained untouched until this evening. While at the General Post Office confusion prevails, at the Town Offices like Kalbadevi and Mandvi things are just at present in a regular mess. It is reported that yesterday high words were exchanged between the postal officials at Mandvi and some of the merchants who had called for their letters. The unregistered post appears to have been heaped up on the counter and the public were told off to pick out their letters. This sort of thing created uneasiness in the minds of the businessmen who were extremely anxious about the safety of their correspondence. At the General Post Office too things are not particularly better off, notwithstanding that the authorities are straining every nerve to cope with it and are incurring lavish expenditure in paying bonuses and conveyance allowances to the amateurs employed on the work of sorting the mails and distribution. Owners of letter boxes have no reason to complain about their post and the same may be said of important and influential townsmen. The smaller fry, as usual, are suffering, even though they call at the Post Office half a dozen times a day. This afternoon about 1 p.m. an incident took place which should open the eyes of the public to the extremely critical nature of the situation. A number of Marwari businessmen called at the counters of the G. P. O. when they were summarily told to go away and mind their own business until the post which had been sent out for delivery was delivered to them. Until the evening, several of them who seemed eagerly to be awaiting receipt of important documents, hundies, etc. had not received any post at all, and bitterly complained against the high handedness of the Post Office officials. Some gentlemen residing in or carrying on business in the Fort, after having been called half a dozen times at various intervals were finally informed at about 4 p.m. that their post had been sent out for delivery at their respective places. Upto 10 o'clock in the night, they had received no post whatever. An even more disquieting feature about the present unsatisfactory arrangements is how the temporarily recruited postmen have a knack of delivering letters etc. to the wrong persons. My attention has been drawn to several such cases and letters superscribed in the vernaculars have hardly been handled. Newspapers are taking two days before they reach the hands of the subscribers and in many cases not at all, or are appropriated altogether by wrong parties. To-morrow the English parcel mails are expected to arrive and that must tend to complicate the situation. Then there is Sunday intervening and, readers can easily imagine the plight of the Post Office for themselves.

Some gallant gentlemen have, I hear, voluntarily came forward to assist the authorities in tiding over the crisis. Their action is largely resented and, business circles view the matter with considerable anxiety, as they do not wish that their business letters should fall into the hands of other business people, however, gallant and disinterested they may be. After all, business is business they say and in these day of commercial rivalry and keen competition for success, business people are naturally very apprehensive lest their business secrets should be ferretted out through these voluntary agencies.

P. M. G.'S ATTITUDE.

The Postmaster-General is still in Bombay watching the developments. He is said to be determined to break the spirit of the men at all costs, so that his "Izzat" may suffer as little as possible. As against his authority, the Presidency Postmaster seems to feel quite helpless. Mr. Love is due to retire next February and he seems to have sincerely been praying that his closing days might not be clouded with such an occurrence. It is said that he did all he could, privately as well as officially, to avert it. But the Postmaster-General being evidently of a different disposition, the crisis was hastened. That is how reports go and I give it here for what it is worth.

A WEB OF MISREPRESENTATIONS.

In certain quarters, whose sympathies are mortgaged in advance on the side of the authorities, reckless misrepresentations of the extent and character of the men's demands and attitude have been freely indulged in, with a view to mislead the public as to the real character of the present dispute. In my letter yesterday I referred to a specific instance of deliberate misrepresentation, notwithstanding that everything had been committed to writing.

The Simla communiqué issued under yesterday's date by the Government of India, is not only inaccurate in material respects, but entirely misleading. There is also some confusion in the report of the Associated Press and it would seem on the whole, as if the doubling almost of the present strength had been ordered. That that is not the case, is clear from the letter of the Postmaster-General, dated 13th September, 1917, to the Presidency Postmaster and reproduced in "The Bombay Chronicle" of Tuesday last. It it stated in the communiqué that "in July last before the Railway Strike it was recognized that an improvement in the position of the Bombay postmen was necessary and a scheme of revision was prepared under the Director-General's orders. The scheme was given effect to, at the beginning of this month, and it was communicated to the Presidency Postmaster by the Postmaster-General along with his letter No. 3343, dated 4th September, 1917. The letter is reproduced below:—

Copy of a communication No. 3343, dated 4th September, 1917.

From the Postmaster-General, Bombay.

To the Presidency Postmaster, Bombay.

With reference to your letter No. E-61, dated the 12th April, 1917, giving cover to a petition, dated the 21st March, 1917, addressed to the Postmaster-General, from the postmen of the General Post Office and Town Sub-Offices, I have the honour to inform you that the Director-General has sanctioned the revision of the grades of postmen and menials of the Bombay G. P. O. and its Town Sub-Offices, as shown in the accompanying statement:—

The petitioners may be informed accordingly.

Presidency Postmaster's Office,
Bombay, 4th September, 1917.

No. E-61/17.

Copy (together with a copy of the statement) is forwarded to all Head Clerks of the General Post Office and the Sub-Postmasters of all Town Sub-Offices for being communicated to the postmen and menials under their charge.

2. It should be clearly explained to the men how many of them will get permanent promotion by the revised scale. It should also be explained to the men who are now acting in the higher grade, will also be proportionately benefited. That the men receiving promotion from 15 to 17, will also in addition to their increase in pay, will be benefited in respect of grain compensation.

(Sd.) G. W. LOVE,
Presy. Postmaster.

STATEMENT.

Bombay General Post Office.

Present Scale.			New Scale.		
27 postmen	@	Rs. 25	30 postmen	@	Rs. 25
21 ,,	@	Rs. 20	32 ,,	@	Rs. 20
30 ,,	@	Rs. 17	50 ,,	@	Rs. 17
50 ,,	@	Rs. 15	25 ,,	@	Rs. 15
Misc. Menial Establishment Class I.					
8 men	@	Rs. 16	8 men	@	Rs. 18
40 ,,	@	Rs. 16	40 ,,	@	Rs. 16
11 ,,	@	Rs. 15	30 ,,	@	Rs. 15
48 ,,	@	Rs. 14	40 ,,	@	Rs. 14
62 ,,	@	Rs. 12	40 ,,	@	Rs. 12
Misc. Menial Establishment Class II.					
24 men	@	Rs. 13	40 men	@	Rs. 13
44 ,,	@	Rs. 12	28 ,,	@	Rs. 12
4 Cycle messengers	@	Rs. 14	2 cycle messengers	@	Rs. 16
			2 ,,	@	Rs. 14

STATEMENT.

Town Sub-Offices.

Present Scale.			New Scale.		
77 postmen	@	Rs. 25	103 postman	@	Rs. 20
106 ,,	@	Rs. 20	146 ,,	@	Rs. 2
158 ,,	@	Rs. 17	178 ,,	@	Rs. 17
184 ,,	@	Rs. 15	103 ,,	@	Rs. 15
Miscellaneous Menial Establishment Class I.					
1 man	@	Rs. 18	5 men	@	Rs. 18
20 men	@	Rs. 16	45 ,,	@	Rs. 16
39 ,,	@	Rs. 14	45 ,,	@	Rs. 14
79 ,,	@	Rs. 12	53 ,,	@	Rs. 12½
Miscellaneous Menial Establishment Class II.					
21 men	@	Rs. 13	22 men	@	Rs. 13
25 ,,	@	Rs. 12	19 ,,	@	Rs. 12

The scheme was not considered satisfactory by the postmen, on whose representation submitted on 21st March, 1917, the action was taken. The postmen began to consider fresh steps that were necessary to obtain satisfactory settlement of their demands. On 13th September, the Postmaster-General who seems to have all along apprehended a strike, communicated a fresh order to the Presidency Postmaster and he in turn communicated it to the men. The effect of it was as shown below:—

		Number of appointments in each Grade.			
		Jany 1907	April 1907	Feb. 1914	Sept. 1917
Overseer	Rs. 30..	15	15	19	30
	Rs. 25..	3	3	..	..
	Rs. 80..			56	74
Reader Postmen.	Rs. 20..	54	56	65	..
	Rs. 25..		79	100	133
	Rs. 20..	83	94	117	174
	Rs. 17..		154	183	223
Postmen	Rs. 16..	129	..	..	..
	Rs 15..	..	202	217	128
	Rs. 14..	147	..	..	..
	Rs. 12..	195	..	..	..
Proby Postmen	Rs. 12..	..	43	46	71
	Rs. 10..	43	..	..	..
	Total ..	619	637	747	837

It will be seen from the above that besides readers and overseers, there are only five grades of Rs. 25, Rs. 20, Rs. 17, Rs. 15 and Rs. 12. There are no such grades of Rs. 18, Rs. 16 and Rs. 14 as referred to in the communiqué, the only two orders communicated to the men being those referred to above in addition to the later one which merely referred to the case of probationary postmen whose pay was raised from Rs. 12 to Rs. 14, that is, "the day before the strike." Another inaccuracy is about the men's demand, and it would appear from the communiqué as if the Government of India have been misled to believing that the men are making "unreasonable demands." I have already drawn special attention to this point in my yesterday's letter and it is not therefore necessary to labour it here. It is extraordinarily strange that such misrepresentations should be allowed to find a place in an official document. It would be most unjust that the men should be made to suffer by reason of it. The men's case is clearly set forth in their representation submitted through the solicitors and it is the duty of the authorities to clear up at once the misunderstanding which exists on this and cognate points.

GOVERNMENT REFUSE TO CONSIDER DEMANDS.

LATEST SCALE OF REVISED PAY.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Sept. 20.

The following Press Communiqué has been issued in connection with the strike of the postmen in Bombay which began on Wednesday:—

The Government of India desire to make the following facts known. In July last before the Railway strike, it was recognised that an improvement in the position of the Bombay postmen was necessary, and a scheme of revision was prepared under the Director-General's orders. This scheme costing Rs. 597 a month was carried out at the beginning of this month, but subsequently the Director-General decided that a further improvement might properly be allowed, and informed the Postmaster-General, Bombay, of this on the day before the strike. The following table shows the revision that has actually been sanctioned.

LATEST SCALE OF REVISED PAY.

Grade Rs. 30, former number of appointments 104, revised number of appointments 104.

Overseer and reader postmen, grade Rs. 25, former number of appointments 104, revised number of appointments 133.

Grade Rs. 20, former number of appointments 127, revised number of appointments 178.

Grade Rs. 18, former number of appointments *nil*, revised number of appointments 223.

Grade Rs. 17, former number of appointments 197, revised number of appointments *nil*.

Grade Rs. 16, former number of appointments *nil*, revised number of appointments 128.

Grade Rs. 15, former number of appointments 234 revised number of appointments *nil*.

Grade Rs. 14, former number of appointments *nil* revised number of appointments 71.

Probationary postmen grade Rs. 12, former number of appointments 837, revised number of appointments 837.

MONTHLY INCREASE OF RS. 1,090 IN COST.

As the result of this revision which costs Rs. 1,090 a month the pay of 531 men in all will be increased vis 29 men by Rs. 5, 186 by Rs. 3, 71 by Rs. 2 and 245 by Rs. 1. In addition to their pay all the 837 men draw grain compensation allowance. 638 men will draw this allowance at Rs. 3, and 199 at Rs. 1-8 a month, instead of 532 and 305 respectively before the revision. The probationary postmen will practically always be filling acting vacancies and drawing a salary of Rs. 16 (instead of their pay of Rs. 14) as well as grain compensation allowance of Rs. 1-8 a month. All postmen are superior servants and as such are granted privilege leave on full pay. Hitherto there have been no orders providing for the promotion to the clerical line of postmen in the large towns even though they might be capable of doing the work of clerks. Without any demand from the men concerned such orders have recently been issued by the Director-General and will make a material change in the prospects of really competent and deserving officials of the postmen class.

STRIKERS' DEMANDS.

The demand recently made by the postmen in Bombay is that their pay should be revised as follows:—

Overseer Postmen from Rs. 30 to Rs. 60.
Reader Postmen from Rs. 30 to Rs. 50.
1st grade Postmen from Rs. 25 to Rs. 50.
2nd grade Postmen from Rs. 20 to Rs. 40.
3rd grade Postmen from Rs. 17 to Rs. 30.
4th grade Postmen from Rs. 15 to Rs. 25.
Probationary Postmen from Rs. 12 to 15.

The demands are on the face of them unreasonable and cannot be considered.

THE POSTMEN'S STRIKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—I congratulate the "Chronicle" on the stand it takes in favour of the grievously underpaid and overworked Postmen, who have been goaded into the extreme measure of a Strike by the coldly callous attitude of the Postal Powers that be.

Whilst your contemporaries obviously view matters through Departmental spectacles, you have not hesitated to support the cause of the poor who depend on such miserable pittances as sleek prosperous, higher Officials deem "ample?!"

In the London Postal Service we fought similar evils years ago——and won. The Press, with one or two honourable exceptions, supported the "haves" against the "have nots," but we hung together, and, though the lordly P. M. G. denounced us as "blackmailers and bloodsuckers" we persevered, and eventually turned him out of his seat in the House of Commons, putting a Labour Member there instead!

Sir, I submit to you and your readers, that the Public should translate their sympathy with the Postmen into a steady refusal to help the P.O. out of difficulties of its own making. The civilian public need not stir itself as the obedient servant of the bureaucracy in this matter. Lenders of motors, etc. ought to be thoroughly ashamed of themselves. The misuse of the military as "strike-breakers" can be discussed later.—Yours, etc.

X. Y. Z.

Bombay, 21st Sept. 1917.

PRESIDENCY POST-MASTER'S CIRCULAR.

MR. GINWALLA'S REJOINDER.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—I shall thank you to publish the following explanation, which I think is absolutely necessary, to the Presidency Postmaster's circular to the postmen appearing in your issue of the 20th instant in which the Postal authorities instead of meeting the men's demands in a proper and sympathetic spirit, have attempted unjustifiably to throw the whole blame for the present situation upon the postmen and their legal advisers.

It is —*inter alia*—stated in the said circular that the increases asked for in March last, had been considered and practically all sanctioned, and that Messrs. Rustamji and Ginwala, solicitors, were asked by the Postmaster-General to advise the men to submit any further representation they had to make which the Postmaster-General was prepared to consider sympathetically and that the Postmaster-General had also asked the solicitors to meet him and discuss the matter informally, but that neither of those two suggestions had been acted up to.

As regards the former part of the said circular the men have already stated in their last representation that out of about 850 men only about 100 of them have been benefitted by the last revision.

Referring to the first of the aforesaid suggestions I have to state that I had advised the men to put in further representation as required by the Postal authorities, but they declined to do so on the ground that they were led to make the last representation through lawyers under the specific advice given to them by the Presidency Postmaster, Mr. Love himself, when he had called at the Kalbadevi Post Office in company of Messrs. Yacoobkhan and Tavde, on Friday the 7th instant and in view of the fate of their representation sent through us they thought it needless to go by the suggestion of the Postal authorities.

As regards the latter suggestion the Postmaster-General never gave me any appointment to discuss the matter, showed sincere willingness to do so and I think I was perfectly justified not to approach him on the subject so uninvited. Since the return of the representation as already stated there is no further communication from the Postmaster-General or any of the Postal authorities till now and there was nothing to prevent them from inviting me by making an appointment for the purpose or from deputing some responsible postal authority to see me on the subject if they really desire to see a near termination of the strike which the men had determined upon even before seeking our advice.—Yours etc.,

R. J. GINWALLA.

Bombay, Sept 21.

TO-DAY'S RACES.

A FORECAST.

(From our Racing Correspondent.)

In the Ahmednagar Plate we give first chance to Dick Turpin, second Maple, third Black Boy.

In the Eligin Plate we prefer Dorian, first Birthday Clothes second, and Andeversford third. Birthday Clothes has give a better gallop than Candescure. He has every chance of winning this race. Kitty O-Hara has a fluke chance.

In the September Plate we give first chance to Byramjee's selection. Second M'Dame, third Verres.

If Brownii takes a proper start, the Western India stakes ought to be a gift for her. She has a splendid English record and is in condition here; her weight, too, is most favourable. Dersingham prefers a mile race in which he shows to the best advantage, he may secure a place in this race. Matchlock is a [illegible] place, he being the best of Mr. M. G.'s selection. Thrush is dangerous. The fluke in this is Screamer who, in England was a [illegible] of Kiltoi's class. He is form now and longer roguish.

In the Warwick Plate [illegible] Madrina first, Adelaide second, [illegible] third, Kit Grey Leg is a fluke.

Peace Maker or Black Hussar should win the Turf Club Cup easily. Collingwood second and Longboat third. Fluke Section.

In the Arab Flying Plate, Arrow first, Nizamu-ul-Mulk second, Black Lee third, Osprey, who is running mysteriously this season, would have received our first support with this weight, if were sure that he was alright.

AN OLTERNATIVE FORECAST.

(By Turfo.)

Western India Stakes.—Either Swanker or Royal Ambition should win the Stakes with Pantomime II and Triple Alliance for places. Thunder may upset.

September Plate.—Waynflete must take a chance to win. Premiere and Binfield Grove are sure places. Hoppner is talked of as a fluke.

Elgin Plate.—Dollet under favourable impost is likely to add another bracket. Dress and Servian should be placed. Light weight Fine Trout should be watched.

Warwick Plate. Madrina, Gladiator, and Athlete will run abrest. Decorum will take many by surprise.

Turf Club Cup.—Collingwood will try hard with Ruby Mine and Kayid close up. Nawabzada ran well in the Governor's Cup and is expected to do something for its owner.

Ahmednagar Plate.—It is a good thing to back Maple for win and Dick Turpin and Black Boy for places.

Arab Flying Plate.—Arrow will beat the field very easily as the company in which he is running is greatly to his liking. All the rest should be neglected except Black Ivory and Ajax.

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CONGRESS AND MOSLEM LEAGUE SCHEME OF REFORMS.

PETITION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

It is proposed to send a monster petition from the people of the Bombay Presidency to the Right Hon. E. S. MONTAGU urging upon him the necessity of the immediate grant of the Reforms Scheme adopted by the Congress and the Moslem League. This petition has been drafted by Mr. M. K. GANDHI and reads as follows:—

"To the Right Hon.

E. S. MONTAGU,

Secretary of State for India.

The Petition of the British Subjects of the Bombay Presidency.

Humbly Sheweth,

(1) The petitioners have considered and understood the Swaraj Scheme prepared by the ALL-INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE and COUNCIL of the MOSLEM LEAGUE and unanimously adopted last year by the INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS and the ALL-INDIA MOSLEM LEAGUE.

(2) The petitioners approve of the Scheme.

(3) In the humble opinion of the petitioners, the reforms proposed in the aforementioned Scheme are absolutely necessary in the interests of India and the Empire.

(4) It is further the petitioners' belief that without such reforms India will not witness the era of true contentment.

For these reasons the petitioners respectfully pray that you will be pleased to give full consideration to and accept the reform proposals and thus render successful your visit taken at great inconvenience, and fulfil the national hope.

And for this act of kindness the petitioners shall for ever remain grateful."

The Public are hereby informed that those who wish to sign the petition can do so at the Office of the Home Rule League at 251, HORNBY ROAD, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. every day, or at the office of the Indian Home Rule League, 7-35, near Girgaum Tram Terminus, from 8-30 to 11 a.m. and 2-30 to 7-30 p.m.

UMAR SOBANI,
S. G. BANKER,
Jt. Hon. Secretaries,
Home Rule League (Bombay Branch),
251, Hornby Road.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"FACT."—No notice can be taken of anonymous communications. If you send your name and address, or call at this office, the matter may be enquired into.

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THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE.

Saturday, September 22, 1917.

GOVERNMENT AND THE MAHOMEDANS.

It was on the 5th instant that, in reply to a question put by the Hon. Mr. Jinnah, Sir William Vincent made his now famous statement in regard to the intentions of the Government towards political internees. "The Government of India," said the Home Member,

> are prepared to recommend to the Government of Madras to remove the restrictions placed on Mrs. Besant and Messrs. Wadia and Arundale under the Defence of India rules, if the Government of India are satisfied that these persons will abstain from unconstitutional and violent methods of political agitation during the remainder of the war. In taking this course the Government of India are actuated by the confident hope that the recent announcement of his Majesty's Government and the approaching visit of Mr. Montagu to this country will have such a tranquilizing effect on the political situation as to ensure the calm and dispassionate consideration of the difficult problems which are to be investigated during his stay in this country. The Government of India are prepared, subject to the same conditions, to take the same course in regard to other persons upon whom restrictions have been placed under these rules merely by reason of their violent methods of political agitation."

A supplementary question by Mr. Jinnah, enquiring whether the Government were prepared to take into consideration the cases of Messrs. Mohamed Ali and Shaukat Ali, elicited the interesting information from Sir William Vincent that "the Government were already considering the cases and were inquiring into the same." Apart from the general satisfaction aroused throughout the country by the Home Member's statement as a whole, this particular declaration evoked a very special gratification among the Mahomedans of India. The implied promise thus held out by Government had the effect of simultaneously giving rise to a tense, and legitimate, expectancy on the part of the community. It is getting on to three weeks now since Sir William Vincent made his statement, and Messrs. Mohamed Ali and Shaukat Ali have not yet been restored to liberty,—a phenomenon the less explicable as, on the Home Member's own showing, their case had already for sometime been under the consideration of Government when the official declaration was made. Is it any wonder, then, that the feeling of eager expectancy on the part of Moslems to which we have referred should be giving place to a sombre suspense? This fact is abundantly reflected in the whole of the Moslem Press, specially the vernacular journals, and, indeed, in the political life of Mussalmans throughout the country. For our part we believe that in any event, and quite irrespective of the Government's policy respecting internments, Mr. Mohamed Ali would have been elected to the presidentship of the forthcoming session of the All-India Moslem League in Calcutta. The principle of such choice, of course, would have been identical with that which has been responsible for ensuring the all but unanimous election of Mrs. Besant for the presidentship of the Indian National Congress. In each case the choice represented, and represents, the expression of the national will, and the determination of democracy to vindicate the faith that is in it. Mr. Mohamed Ali's case is unique in the history of his community. Both he and his gifted brother have won for themselves a place in the affection of their co-religionists of every class and type for which we can recall no parallel. Inevitable as was Mr. Mohamed Ali's election for the League presidentship this year, as we hold, there can be no doubt that Sir William Vincent's statement coming at the moment it did, gave a very natural stimulus to the enthusiasm with which the Mahomedans had been acclaiming his selection for the highest honour in their gift.

It is hardly surprising, therefore, that the continued delay in announcing the release of the two brothers interned at Chindwara is inducing something like a reaction among Mussalmans. The delay of twelve days in setting Mrs. Besant at liberty was bad enough while it lasted. In the case of Mr. Mohamed Ali, the argument of the "psychological moment" has an infinitely more imperative validity. Speculation is inevitably rife. What is the delay about? The Government of India never did a wiser thing than in waiving any exaggerated insistence on the question of "guarantees" in respect of Mrs. Besant. It is the essence of statesmanship to distinguish, firmly and clearly, between the material and the immaterial. The *main* thing after all was the release of Mrs. Besant, and it were superfluous to emphasize the enormous improvement in the spirit of the country's political life and the relations between Government and the people, which has already eventuated as the direct result of that circumstance. Similarly, in the case of Messrs. Mohamed Ali and Shaukat Ali, if the delay in their release is due to any technical difficulties, we would urge upon the Government of India with all the earnestness at our command, that they would be well-advised to shake themselves free from any obsession as to "undertakings." There is need for a sense of proportion in this matter. While we do not suggest that under conceivable circumstances Government would not be justified in asking for safeguards, it is manifest that in the case of men who, like Mr. Mohamed Ali and Mr. Shaukat Ali, command the unstinted confidence of a vast community, to demand guarantees of good behaviour,—for that is what it comes to if our assumption is correct,—is as undesirable as it would be unjustifiable. The Government have an unprecedented opportunity of rallying a great community, and indeed restoring the whole tone of public life in India, and they should not unduly hesitate to take it.

We are so convinced of the great potentiality of the opportunity that now offeres itself to Government that we would not only urge the immediate and unconditional release of Messrs. Mohamed Ali and Shaukat Ali, but also that of other Moslem leaders and publicists who also lie shrouded in the heavy folds of the Defence of India Act. We trust that the Government have not made the mistake of imagining that because comparatively less has been heard regarding them, the Mahomedan community is reconciled to the fate that has been meted out to them. We understand that the Government have an elaborate, but not of course for that reason a necessarily perfect, arrangement as part of the C. I. D. to acquaint themselves with the views of the Vernacular Press. If so they should be aware of the trend of Moslem feeling in the matter. There is the case of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, for instance, who has repeatedly challenged the Behar Government to put him on his trial if they have an atom of a case against him, or to release him. But the Bureaucracy does not love the daylight. Other notable names that may be mentioned of Mussalmans who have either been interned or otherwise victimised by the Defence of India Act are, Moulvie Amanuddin, late Editor of "Ikdam," Mr. Shaikh Abdul Majid, late Editor of "Al-Amin" and "Al-Haq," Maulana Fazlul Hasan Hasrat Mohani, Moulvie Amanuddin, Mr. Syed Mahmud and Moulvie Leakut Hussain. We have no wish to use harsh language at this time, but a policy which dictated or tolerated the internment or imprisonment (in the cases of Messrs. Mohani and Leakut Hossain) of such men under the provisions of the Defence of India Act, is not one of which the authorities may be proud, or upon the consequences of which they have reason to look with satisfaction. Anyway, we know on the highest authority that the introduction of a new policy is contemplated. The sooner therefore that it is given effect to, generously and spontaneously, the better for the country and the Government alike. We have reason to believe that Mahomedan sympathy, and indeed Indian opinion as a whole as has been sufficiently attested, is on the side of those whose names we have cited. In one or two cases, indeed, ordinary humanity, apart from all considerations of expediency, demands the instant release of the men concerned. Moulvie Fazlul Hasan Hasrat Mohani is a poet rather than a politician. His health has broken down, but his wife's recent petition to the U. P. Government for his transfer from the Fyzabad jail to Aligarh of which place the climate suits him better, was refused. Similarly our readers are aware of the case of Moulvie Leakut Hussain, the veteran Swadeshi leader of Bengal, on whom only the other day a Dacca Deputy Magistrate passed, under the Defence of India Act, the ferocious sentence of two years' hard labour for what must be regarded as a political offence,—if offence it was. When it is realized that this Mahomedan gentleman is 75 years of age, few will disagree with the view of a Calcutta contemporary that the sentence passed on the Moulvie is equivalent to a life sentence. Even if justice demanded such punishment,—which Indian opinion flatly denies,—who will contend that such harshness redounds to the credit or dignity of a powerful Government and a great Empire?

We welcomed the speech of the Viceroy at the opening session of the Imperial Council with unfeigned satisfaction. It seems to us that the conciliatory spirit manifested in it, and subsequently in the statement of the Home Member, should find a maximum, instead of a minimum, realization in practice. That alone would be in full accord with the policy which his Majesty's Government have declared in respect of India. And we have tried in this article to indicate one important direction in which the Government of India can bestir themselves to achieve that "tranquilizing effect on the political situation" which they have declared they have at heart.

Notes of the Day.

To-day's Great Thought.

"Sir Paul Vinogradoff, speaking at the Lyceum Club on the Revolution in Russia, said a great revolution was not so simple an undertaking as cooking an egg."

Mr. Montagu's Visit.

Mr. Montagu, it may be stated with confidence, has been doing all he can to keep himself informed of the real trend of opinion in this country, regarding the reforms that are to come. But that does not absolve public bodies in this country from their responsibility of seeing to it that when he comes to India he should hear the voice of united India speak with emphasis and conviction. The Gurjart Sabha has to this end set an example which all public bodies in the country would do well to follow. As the Joint Hon. Secretary of the Sabha says in the course of a letter an extract from which is published elsewhere,

> "it is not sufficient for us merely to discuss the question of Reforms with the Secretary of State as representative bodies, but it is imperatively necessary to strengthen his hands against the reactionary anti-reform forces by clearly and emphatically bringing to his notice the volume of public opinion in favour of reforms. The opportunity is unique and to miss it would be almost culpable."

Mr. Gandhi's Scheme.

Mr. Gandhi as President of the Sabha has drafted a petition to be submitted to Mr. Montagu on behalf of the people of this Presidency, of which the text will be found elsewhere in this issue. The petition is printed both in Gujerati and English, and its strong point is certainly its simplicity. The Sabha has also started organising a volunteer corps which would lecture to the people and explain to them the reforms scheme, and Mr. Gandhi has specifically enjoined every volunteer not to take the signature of any person to the petition who does not clearly understand the scheme. The success of the scheme will depend on the number of persons who offer their services for carrying it out. Besides serving the immediate purpose for which it has been devised, it should be an excellent means for the political education of the people.

Comparative Co-operation.

"What characteristic will India contribute to the Co-operative Movement?" asked Dr. John Matthai in a recent lecture in London on "Agricultural Co-operation in India." He said that European countries had each contributed their characteristic: Germany, legal rules and innumerable regulations; France, centralization; Denmark, shrewd business; Ireland, idealism. India's contribution, he considered, would be a greater feeling of brotherliness. The whole social life of India is based on groups—caste, joint family, village communities. With regard to association of the State with the Co-operative Movement, Dr. Matthai pointed out that although it was the wisest to eliminate State control, India must be regarded as an exception. Association with the State was essential; the enormous prestige of the sircar was necessary for financial success, and based on the security of the Government the movement inspired confidence.

Drink and the War.

One of the chief events of the early days of the war was the abolition by the Russian Government of the State monopoly of vodka. The Imperial Rescript which announced this gave a great impetus to movements in other Allied countries for the rigorous control of the liquor traffic. As the war has continued to drag its weary length, it has been increasingly demonstrated that, as Mr. Lloyd George said, the two great enemies which the Allies have to fight are Germany and—drink. The control of drink traffic and the conversion of alcohol to useful purpose has, therefore, become a most urgent problem. The announcement contained in Reuter's telegram that M. Kerensky, repeating the Imperial Rescript, has ordered that all alcohol at distilleries and licensed premises should be used for making vinegar and mineral waters will be welcomed as a further step in the right direction.

A Concise Statement.

Dr. C. Muthu, the well-known authority on Tuberculosis, who recently toured through India, evidently kept his eyes open for matters other than his research investigations. We take the following extract from the "Christian Commonwealth" to hand by yesterday's mail:

> Fresh from a long tour in India, Dr. C. Muthu writes to endorse all that has been said by Lady Emily Lutyens in her letters published by us in recent weeks concerning Home Rule propaganda in India. Dr. Muthu has travelled hundreds of miles and conversed with all classes of men in India, and declares he never encountered any body of extremists. "If there are such," he writes, "they must be very few, and they are being manufactured by the repressive policy of the Indian Government. On the other hand, I found Indians sincerely loyal to England, and all of them—princes, rajahs, and maharajahs, ordinary citizens, and even the women in the zenanas—are doing what they can to help to bring victory to British arms." Dr. Muthu says there are three reasons for the widespread discontent and unrest in India. The Indian people have lost faith in the bureaucratic government of India; which is irresponsible and out of touch with popular aspirations; the rule of the bureaucracy is marked by suspicion, fear, and distrust, and it has taken advantage of the Defence of the Realm Act to suppress freedom of the press and platform; the Indians are afraid lest England should fail to redeem the promise and hopes she has raised in their hearts of granting a large measure of self-government.

The Health of the City.

It is somewhat disconcerting to note that the death-rate in the city is still keeping at a high level. Last week it actually rose from 34.50 to 37.21, the total mortality standing at 701 or 51 cases more than the record of the previous week. In the corresponding week of last year the total stood at 553, while the past quinquennial mean was 30.10. Plague registered last week 30 attacks and 24 deaths, being 15 attacks and 12 deaths more than in the previous week. In the corresponding week of last year there were only 8 fatal cases. Cholera was absent last week, while small-pox registered three attacks and one death. The mortality from the other principal diseases was as follows: Phthisis 20, other diseases of the respiratory system 235, tubercular diseases 23, diarrhoea 29, dysentery 37, enteric 4, malaria 5, old age 43 and debility 61. There were 433 live-births during the week, in addition to 54 still-births and four premature births.

A TIMELY PRAYER.

In times like these, when souls are tried,
When urgent needs must be supplied,
When perils of the future bide—
Pray grant, O, Lord, we may escape
The strangling meshes of Red Tape!
Give us wise men, men on the spot,
Who'll cut each tangled Gordian knot,
And clear away the dead dry rot—
Pray grant, O Lord we may escape
The strangling meshes of Red Tape!

—TUDOR JENKS,
in the "New York Outlook."

Official and Personal.

There was a distinct improvement in Mr. B. G. Horniman's condition yesterday and he is progressing as well as can be expected.

His Excellency arrived at Bombay from Ganeshkhind yesterday morning.

His Excellency attended a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Bombay Branch Imperial Indian Relief Fund at the Secretariat yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency attended a Variety Entertainment in aid of the League of Mercy at the Excelsior Theatre yesterday evening.

The Burma Chamber of Commerce has nominated Mr. E. O. Anderson as their representative on the Burma Legislative Council in place of Mr. W. Macdonald resigned.

Mr. A. E. Aigg, I.C.S., Divisional and Sessions Judge, has been appointed Judge of the Chief Court, Lower Burma, vice Mr. Justice Parlett resigned.

His Excellency gave an "At Home" to meet the Members of the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Conference on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. H. A. C. Dobbs has been selected to succeed Sir John Ramsay as Agent to Governor-General and Chief Commissioner in Baluchistan when the latter retires in December next.

BRITISH CAPTURE OF INVERNESS COPSE.

HOSTS OF PRISONERS TAKEN.

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY.

RENEWED BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

INVERNESS COPSE CARRIED.

ASTRIDE YPRES-MENIN ROAD.

ELABORATE ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION.

AIRMEN TAKING GREAT PART IN IT.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 9 a.m., Sept. 21.

Reuter's correspondent at British Head quarters says the British have renewed the offensive on a big scale. It is impossible at present to define the flanks of the attack. The most intense fighting zone lies astride the Ypres-Menin road and is directed against the German positions on the Glencose wood, the Invernesas Corpse, Nonnebosch and Polygone de Zonnebeke. Standing on the high ground, the possession of these positions would complete our mastery of the Westhoek ridge system.

There was heavy rain during the night but the weather cleared at dawn and the all-important element of visibility is reasonably high while the ground has not been seriously affected. The attack differed materially from previous battles in various aspects which it is not permissible to indicate but which are dictated by the necessity of devising some formula for dealing with the enemy's new defensive tactics. The enemy's pill-boxed and shell-cratered ground has been the subject of great artillery concentration for a week. By the day our heavy guns carried out intense counter-battery work and destructive bombardment of defensive positions, while by the night, field guns and trench mortars pitched gas shells and oil drums among the enemy, the effect of which may be guessed by the fact that two nights ago one hostile artillery group so attacked did not reply. Thus the way was pretty effectively cleared for the infantry.

PRELIMINARY REHEARSAL.

The actual preliminary bombardment was short but of incredible intensity, consisting of a series of barrages one in advance of another. All troops had thoroughly rehearsed their part and by the devotion of the divisions in remaining in the line longer than usual, it was possible to put more than normally a large proportion of fresh troops into the attack.

Considering the circumstances, communication was good, for which due credit must be accorded to the New Zealand Brigade, which, during a comparatively short period of preparation preceding the attack, buried over three thousand, feet of telegraph cable so deep as to defy any shelling. The Germans, who fully realise what loss of this line would mean, offered strong opposition to the infantry. There was intense machine gun fire from the redoubts, etcetera, but our artillery soon found these spots.

EMPLOYMENT OF TANKS.

Tanks are being employed in limited numbers owing to unfavourable ground but our airmen already report that these machines are moving to the assistance of the infantry, where the latter is temporarily held up. Our airmen are taking a great part in the battle, carrying out an unprecedented and elaborate offensive.

INVERNESS COPSE CARRIED

OTHER STRATEGIC POSITIONS WON.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 2-15 p.m., Sept. 21.

A British evening communiqué says we attacked this morning eastward of Ypres on an eight mile front between the Ypres-Comines canal and the Ypres-Staden railway. Great success attended our troops and positions of considerable military importance were won and heavy casualties inflicted. We assembled the attacking regiments without any incident in spite of steady rainfall during the night.

The first objectives were captured at an early hour, including a number of concreted strong points and fortified farms for the possession of which there had been previous heavy fighting. The North Country regiments carried the Inverness Copse and the Australians stormed the Glencorse Wood and Nonne Boschen.

The Scottish and South African Brigades took Potsdam Vampir and Borry Farms, and the West Lancashire Territorials carried Iberian Farm and a strong point known as Gallipoli. We then advanced to assault final objectives. The English county troops on our right reached the line of their final objectives after a sharp fighting in the woods northward of Ypres-

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FINE BRITISH SWEEP.

ENEMY TREMENDOUSLY BOMBARDED.

HOSTS OF PRISONERS TAKEN.

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 8-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters says, to-day's attack has been another fine success for the British arms. Troops penetrated to the depth of a mile which is a wonderful achievement considering the character of the ground. Advanced troops reached the Zonnebeke-Gheluvelt line also beyond the centre parallel of Polygone Wood. We are now bombarding the Germans massing for a counter-attack.

It is believed that prisoners reach four figures Every shell hole yielded about a dozen, prisoners sometimes surrendering without resistance and sometimes fighting stubbornly.

In one instance the inmates of a semi-concealed crater held up our troops for some time by bombing. In other instances the enemy came out with fixed bayonets as the barrage crept towards them.

THE BRITISH SWEEP.

The first advance was made rapidly in light skirmishing order, the Germans admitting that they were taken by surprise by the rapidity of the attack. We swept over places which have figured in communiqués since July 31st as serious obstacles, such as the Pommern Castle, the Boroy Farm, Iberian Blockhouse and Gallipoli. The Schuler Gallery, which is a long line of pill boxes—small concrete turrets erected over shell holes—gave much trouble, but the onslaught of our men was irresistible. At Schuler Farm which was surrounded by water, two tanks attacked, obtaining thirty prisoners, blanched-looking men afflicted with tremours from the ordeal of our artillery.

A large percentage of prisoners are young, chiefly the Bavarians.

A captured messenger dog bore a message ordering the high ground towards Molenaarelsthoek must be recaptured at all costs and ordering as many guns as possible should range on it. The work of consolidating was strenuously progressing all afternoon under the protection of heavy barrage.

GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY.

Our casualties are not heavy considering the enormous value of gains attained, which is a bitter commentary on the German claim that the offensive in Flanders has failed. The ground won is of vital tactical and high strategic importance and we are prepared for desperate enemy counter-efforts. The day has been a great and glorious one for the armies in Flanders.

SMOKE CLOUD DEFENCE SYSTEM.

ADOPTED IN ALL SHIPS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 12-30 p.m. Sept. 21.

It can be stated on official authority that the results of the methods adopted during the past month justify the growing confidence of a naval officer who states:—"No sensational inventions are being used and no sensational results are to be expected. The sinkings will continue but the submarine is defeated. If the public knew what we know they would not feel the slightest anxiety. Good results are being secured from the new smoke cloud defence system by which dozens of ships are saved."

USE OF SMOKE BOXES.

The system by which "smoke boxes" are thrown overboard and throw out smoke clouds concealing ships has been in use for some months by British ships, a great majority of which are supplied with smoke boxes.

In addition to the latter many merchantmen are carrying a special smoke funnel requiring only fuel for continual use. Once smoke boxes are thrown overboard they cannot be recovered, but skilfully used completely baffle U boats.

The Navy Department of the United States has ordered the manufacture of huge quantities of smoke boxes and the Department states that they should be carried by every vessel.

PILLBOXES IN SHELL-HOLES MASTERED.

CONQUER SUPREME STRATEGIC POINT BRITISH.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, Sept. 21.
Recd. 8-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

The coveted ridge against which the Germans boasted that the British had dashed themselves vainly from July 31st to August 15th fell yesterday morning. The new and cunning system of enemy defence was mastered by method and doggedness. This system of pillboxes in shellho.es was evolved by the Germans when they found that the old trenchsystem was battered to pieces by the artillery. They made forward positions without a definite line building innumerable concrete blockhouses so arranged in the depth that they enfiladed each other and so strong that only a direct hit with a heavy shell was able to damage them. Such direct hit was most difficult on a small mark like a concrete house holding at most fifty men. These little garrisons, mostly machinegunners and picked men specially trained for outpost work, were able severely to damage advancing battalions so that the forward lines passing through and beyond them would be spent and weak when exposed to attack of the Stosstruppen specially trained for counter-attacking, which were held in reserve. These hard nuts have now been cracked by the new method of assault planned with great forethought with the result that the British conquered the high ground which the Germans regarded as the supreme strategic point in this sector. Yesterday morning's attack began slightly in advance of the line won on July 31st which has since been held by the English troops with wonderful tenacity against repeated attacks of sixteen divisions while behind them was maturing a blow which Field-Marshal Haig has now delivered.

BRITISH DEPUTATION TO U. S.

TO COUNTER-ACT ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S PROMISE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 21.
Recd. 8-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

Lord Northcliffe promised the Convention of the Chambers of Commerce to convey to the proper quarter the suggestions that Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Derby, General Smuts and Mr. Hughes should visit the United States to counteract anti-British propaganda.

Lord Northcliffe said the whole spirit of the Convention was for war to the bitter end. He rejoiced to find increasing sentiment in favour of the retention of German colonies by South Africa and Australia.

MESSRS. MONTAGU'S SILVER REPORT

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 0-35 a.m., Sept. 22.

Messrs. Montagu's silver report says:—The price is 54 record since September. 1890. The rise is due to supplies again being insufficient to meet the demands.

COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

INTERESTING RESULTS OF BATTLE OF MENIN ROAD.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PARIS, Sept. 21.
Recd. 0-35 a.m., Sept. 22.

It is semi-officially stated that the new British offensive was not delivered on a wide front as in the previous British and French offensives, but was restricted to positions east of Ypres and was completely successful, the infantry in a few hours attaining all their objectives and exceeding them at some points. The enemy's formidable fortifications were captured without excessive loss.

This Battle of Menin road will have interesting results on the British position in Flanders. The town of Ypres is now largely freed from enemy pressure while the British are installed in more easily defensible positions which will be a useful starting point for ultimate progress in Flanders.

STRONG BRITISH ATTACK.

GERMAN COMMUNIQUES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 8-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

A wireless German official communiqué says:—After a very violent fire between the Houthoulst Wood and Lys the English launched a strong attack on a broad front at daybreak.

A Russian attack west of Arbora in Bukhovina was driven back, but the Russians again endeavoured to advance.

A later German communiqué says:—The battle is in full swing on the English front from Langemarck to Hollebeke. Bitter and fluctuating fighting occurred throughout the day in the foremost part of our defensive zone.

RUSSIAN STAND IN RIGA REGION.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE NEAR LEMBERG DRIVEN BACK.

POSITION LOST NEAR GROZECHTI.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., Sept. 21.

A Russian wireless communiqué says, we drove back with great losses the enemy offensive Eastward of Lemburg in the direction of Riga.

The enemy recaptured a sector of positions southward of Grozechti.

GEN. SUKHOMLINOFF'S TRIAL.

TREASON SAID TO BE PROVED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 20.
Recd. 2-15 p.m., Sept. 21.

At the Sukhomlinoff trial the Public Prosecutor urged that treason had been proved. The shady characters who surrounded the accused, would be charged with espionage.

GEN. KALEDINE'S AFFAIR

DEMAND FOR A COURT ENQUIRY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 20.
Recd. 2-15 p.m., Sept. 21.

Pourparlers between the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates of Petrograd and the Vice-Hetman of the Dom Cossacks has resulted in an agreement for a joint meeting, the latter acquiescing in the demand for a court enquiry into the Kaledine affair, provided the Cossack delegates are allowed to attend.

CONTROL OF ALCOHOL.

M. KERENSKY REPEATS IMPERIAL RESCRIPT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 20.
Recd. 2-15 p.m., Sept. 21.

M. Kerensky, repeating the Imperial Rescript, has ordered that all alcohol at distilleries and licensed premises must be used for making vinegar and mineral waters.

SUCCESS OF ANTI-SUBMARINE MEASURES.

FURTHER REDUCTION OF LOSSES EXPECTED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., Sept. 21.

It is authoritatively stated that the anti submarine measures are meeting with success and that further reduction of losses may be expected.

END OF THE KING'S TOUR.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUSITANIA SURVIVORS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., Sept. 21.

The King has concluded his tour of west Scotland. He reviewed in Glasgow two hundred survivors of torpedoed merchantmen, including the Lusitania, and congratulated the stewardesses of the Lusitania on their recovery from their terrible experiences.

He also congratulated apprentice Jinning who had been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his conduct in a fight with a submarine.

FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., Sept. 21.

The arrivals in French ports during the week were 980 and sailings 894. Two steamers over sixteen hundred tons and two under were sunk. Two were unsuccessfully attacked.

QUEBEC BRIDGE COMPLETED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

QUEBEC, Sept. 21.
Recd. 8-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

The bridge has been completed.

GERMAN MACHINATIONS FOR PEACE.

HER SPECIOUS PLANS EXPOSED.

ALLIES NOT TO BE HOODWINKED.

FUTILE ATTEMPT TO BEFOG REAL ISSUE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m. Sept. 21.

Reuter understands that the following is the view in British well-informed quarters regarding the attitude of Britain and the Allies towards the recent general but often contradicted statements in the enemy press, particularly the German press, concerning the foreshadowed intentions to make "concessions" in Belgium and elsewhere. Those have not passed unnoticed but the Allied governments have not failed to appraise them at their true value and to realise that at the bottom they express the fact that Germany knows that she cannot win the war.

GERMANY KNOWS SHE CANNOT WIN.

It is perfectly well understood that Germany is now seeking, in view of the recent events on the north-eastern front, to impress upon the German public that her military position is now such that she can suggest in some specious fashion a plan of action that would satisfy the pan-Germans and might also appeal to the pacifists in the Allied countries. It is therefore just as well that those among the Central Powers, who are organising this so-called peace movement, should realise that their machinations in nowise deceive the Allies, whose views and determinations regarding the kind of peace they will accept, have undergone, and can undergo, no modification whatever.

ALLIES' END MUST BE GAINED.

As far as the Allies are concerned no end of war is possible until the end for which this terrible conflict was commenced and has endured for over three years has been attained, namely the final disappearance of Prussian militarism. Only those possessing Prussian mentality can regard without horror the double loss of life and treasure, deliberately brought about by Germany in this war and in this sense it is true that the Allies would welcome peace but enemy efforts to befog the real issue are as hopeless as characteristic.

GERMANY AND PEACE.

DR. MICHAELIS TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 20.
Recd. 12-30 p.m. Sept. 21.

A telegram from Berlin says Dr. Michaelis will make a statement regarding peace in the Reichstag on the 27th instant.

FRANCE WANTS JUSTICE.

ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO EFFECT DISUNION AMONG ALLIES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m. Sept. 21.

M. Ribot emphasised that nearer the end, of war came, more careful must the Allies be to baffle the enemy manoeuvres designed to separate and weaken them.

Germany knew that the Allies would be victorious if they remained united, hence her sole aim now was to effect disunion. France's sacrifices entitled her to hold her head high. She deserved the world's admiration.

WHAT WOULD BE A DURABLE PEACE.

She demanded only justice, the indispensable preliminary to which was restoration of Alsace Lorraine and reparation for the criminal destruction of the invaded territories. Without these a durable peace was impossible. She must also have guarantees which could only be existent in the will of the nation. What would be the value of the signature of the German Government if the German people were not behind it? (Cheers.)

FAILURE OF ENEMY ATTACK SOUTH-EAST OF CERNY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 12-30 p.m. Sept. 21.

A French communiqué says after violent bombardment the enemy attacked south-east of Cerny but was stopped by our fire and did not succeed in reaching our lines.

MRS. BESANT'S ARRIVAL.

MAGNIFICENT OVATION AT MADRAS.

TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION TO ADYAR.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES POURING IN.

FAREWELL LECTURES AT COIMBATORE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Sept. 21.

Enormous crowds lined the streets and choked the platforms and compound of the Central Station when Mrs. Besant and Messrs. Arundale and Wadia arrived at 6-30 this morning Immediately the train steamed in a number of young men scrambled into the railway carriages and the crowd on the platform was so thick that it was 7 a.m. before Mrs. Besant could be escorted to her carriage. Before this she and her coadjutors were garlanded by Mr. C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer and others. Bands were in attendance, also national volunteers carrying lathis and Home Rule flags. A procession of carriages and pedestrians was then formed and proceeded at foot pace towards Adyar.

MESSRS. ARUNDALE AND WADIA.

FIRST SPEECHES AT COIMBATORE AFTER RELEASE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Sept.

Messrs. Arundale and Wadia made their first speeches after the release at a public meeting at Coimbatore. Mr. Arundale in the course of his speech said:

"The release of Mrs. Besant and of Mr. Wadia and himself did not demand that thanks should be offered either to the Government of Madras or to the Government of India, nor even to the Secretary of State—less of course to the Government of Madras than to any one else. The thanks, Mrs. Besant would have given had she been well enough to address a meeting, would have been to the people of India. We gratefully thank with all our hearts the people of India for having freed us. To them is victory, to them our gratitude, and in releasing us India has shown to the world that she is no longer on her knees she is standing up upon her feet. She articulates, she demands. She is able to insist with success. This is a magnificent achievement and one that should make all lovers of India rejoice. She can at last protect those who are her servants."

Continuing he said:—"We must be united. Efforts have been made in this beautiful town of Coimbatore for whose hospitality we are all deeply grateful to show that there is disunion. But the efforts have been unsuccessful, they have only shown—and this large gathering proves it—how united Coimbatore in reality is, and when we go back to Madras we shall tell our friends there that Coimbatore is united in its devotion to the motherland."

THEY MUST GIVE WHAT WE WANT.

Mr. Wadia in the course of his speech said:—"We must make clear to Mr. Montagu, who comes to us that this time the Indian public will not put up with the so-called reforms which are mere sham. We will not be satisfied with anything less than real political power. What power we want must come out of our own mouths, and our own hearts. If Indians want a certain power that power shall be given to them. We must say what we want, and it is not for them to say what they shall give. The time of boons is past, the time of presents has gone, the time of demand has come. We say we want this or that, and that we shall have and if you do not give us that well, you shall have to face agitation That agitation shall be constitutional."

APPEAL FOR THE OTHER INTERNED.

Continuing Mr. Wadia said:—"If we were interned, three of us, for having done nothing at all, for no violent agitation, for no unconstitutional activity, what guarantee is there that these 1,500 people are not also equally interned in their innocence and in total ignorance of their crime? They should be set free. We have to prepare ourselves for Mr. Montagu's visit, and put before Mr. Montagu our own views. But in doing all this, remember brothers, that all our actions are based on the law of love and not on the law of hatred. We have no hatred against any one."

BRITISH CRUISER GLASGOW.

WELCOMED IN BUENOS AIRES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 21.
Recd. 8-30 p.m., Sept. 21.

The British cruiser Glasgow has arrived here escorted by numerous bedagged steamers and yachts. The Glasgow was welcomed by salutes of guns, playing of National Anthem and cheering crowds. Pro-British speeches were delivered from the balcony of the hotel from which the commander of the Glasgow and the British Minister addressed the crowd.

IMPERIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE

PLEA FOR SIMULTANEOUS EXAMINATIONS.

DEBATE ON PANDIT MALAVIYA'S RESOLUTION.

MOTION LOST.

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Sept. 21.

The Imperial Legislative Council met again to-day, Mr. G. R. Lowndes presiding.

Mr. Sastri asked:—(a) Is Government aware that certain persons in high official authority have deprecated the scheme of post-war reforms adopted by the Indian National Congress and the All-India Moslem League, in last December as impracticable, extravagant and greatly exceeding the changes likely to be granted by the authorities? (b) Has the attention of Government been drawn to a report that Lord Islington in his private capacity, and not as Under-Secretary of State for India recently outlined before a meeting of Oxford students the constitutional changes which in his opinion were suitable for India? (c) Is it a fact that both the late and the present Secretary of State for India have declared in Parliament that a statement may soon be expected on the subject of constitutional reforms in India? (d) Will the Government of India be pleased to consider the desirability of (1) obtaining the consent of the Imperial authorities in England to the publication in this country of the scheme of reforms that is understood to be under discussion, and (2) giving the people of India an assurance that they will be afforded full opportunities of discussing the proposed reforms and making representations to the authorities on them before a final decision is taken?

Sir William Vincent said:—Reply to (a) and (b) is in the affirmative. In reply to (c) and (d) he drew attention to the recent pronouncement of the Secretary of State.

Replying to Mr. Chand, Mr. R. A. Mant said that details regarding the Cotton Committee, which is to meet next cold weather, would be announced soon.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY ACT.

Mr. Malaviya then presented the final Select Committee's report on the Bill further to amend the Transfer of Property Act, 1882. He intimated his intention to ask the Council to pass the Bill at the next meeting.

I.C.S. EXAMINATION.

Pandit Malaviya moved a resolution to the effect that the Government of India should move the Secretary of State to arrange that the examination for the Indian Civil Service should henceforth be held simultaneously in India and in England, successful candidates being classified in one list according to merit. Mr. Malaviya said the question was an old one and traced the history of the Government attitude from the earliest time and claimed it showed that though Great Britain was the suzerain power yet it was the birthright of Indians to occupy the higher posts of the administration. He quoted Sir Charles Wood, who maintained that in all questions affecting India, Indian interests should have a dominant place. He then referred to the Queen's Proclamation and said it did not have any practical effect. In 1860 a Parliamentary Committee consisting of eminent persons recommended simultaneous examinations or else reserving a certain number of appointments for India, but these were not given effect to. In 1867 Mr. Fawcet moved a resolution recommending simultaneous examinations in the House of Commons, as he thought it was the only way to give a fair chance to Indians to compete. He had also suggested that examinations should be held in Madras, Calcutta and Bombay. The Secretary of State, though he expressed his sympathy, as was so often done when Indian questions were concerned, opposed it, but promised to reserve some appointments. Subsequently Mr. Herbert Paul moved in the Commons a similar resolution and it was passed, but all local Governments except Madras opposed it. Thus all evidence in the past was in favour of the Indian contention. The speaker then passed on to the Islington Commission, which had reported against it. Here all European witnesses except one had opposed it, though witnesses who appeared before the previous Commission recommended it. Another unfortunate feature was the delight that some non-official Europeans experienced in maligning Indians.

NO FAVOUR BUT ONLY EQUAL TREATMENT.

Continuing Pandit Malaviya said that in 1914, 10 per cent. of posts was in the hands of Indians, and he asked if this meant anything like fulfilling the Act of 1833, or the Queen's Proclamation. The result of refusing Indians a free way to compete was not satisfactory. He then discussed the record of Indians in offices where they were given a scope for action and claimed that it showed that given a free chance, they would be able to give a good account of themselves. He reminded the Council that he and men of his way of thinking did not want a more favoured treatment for Indians, but only equal treatment with Europeans, though it would be better from all points of view to hold the examination only in India. He then considered the political, moral and economic social disadvantages arising out of the present system, and quoted in support of his contention, Messrs. Gokhale and Dadabhai Naoroji, the latter of whom had said that "If we wanted to carry on efficiently and cheaply Indians should be employed more largely." That was the state of affairs before the war, but the war had changed the situation enormously, and as Lord Haldane had said things could not be left as they were before. So things should be viewed from a new angle of vision which was manifest in the recent announcement regarding England's mission in India. It was also recognised, as was said by Mr. Montagu, that the Government of India machinery should be overhauled and made responsible to the people of India. A proper solution of all the difficulties depended upon a proper answer given to the resolution. He then referred to the justice of the question and said it was not possible to brush it aside.

Mr. Lowndes at this stage drew attention to the time-limit.

Pandit Malaviya: I am sorry, Sir, I was not conscious of it. The subject is one that touches our hearts.

POINT OF HONOUR OF ENGLAND.

Continuing, he said, he would deal with the question of Indian character, which appeared to have influenced the Commission in reporting against simultaneous examination. The point of honour of England, the honour of Englishman, and the honour of England's Parliament, was involved in the honourable fulfilment of the pledges and not in treating them as scraps of paper.

PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. Atkins, I.C.S., (the Punjab), said that the speaker had said some pleasant and some unpleasant things, but he had not spoken of the practical difficulties in the way. He understood that the discussion on the present series of resolutions was welcomed by Government, because they wished to get some light on the questions raised in the report of the Commission, but he was afraid that the mover's speech did not help in any way in clearing the question raised in the resolution and it might as well have been delivered in connection with the previous day's resolution. He held that apart from the question of sentiment practical suggestions should have been made how best to overcome the difficulties that stood in the way.

Mr. Aiyangar in supporting said that he had the intention of moving an amendment to the effect that the Civil Service examination for recruiting officers for India should be held entirely in India. Extreme poverty prevented all meritorious boys from proceeding to England to sit for the examination. He believed that the men who had done honour to the Provincial Civil Service could successfully compete for the Civil Service if the examination was held in this country.

SIR W. VINCENT SYMPATHETIC BUT OPPOSED.

Sir William Vincent, replying, complimented Mr. Malaviya on the discreet and moderate way in which he put forward his case. He regretted that the other speakers had not said anything as yet, but he assured a sympathetic consideration to all that might be said. It was suggested that the Commission sought to exclude Indians from the Civil Service.

Mr. Malaviya said what he said was that the regulation practically closed the door against Indians.

Sir William Vincent again repeated what he had said, and said that that was not so. The question was, what was the best method of recruitment with due regard to the proper representation of different classes and communities, and without danger to the British minimum. Referring to the question of economy, he pointed out that it was not admitted that there should be two different scales of pay for Indians and Europeans. He then said that even some Indians were against simultaneous examinations, and the views of the Commission were in accord with the views of the previous Commission and those of the Government of India and the Secretary of State. With the introduction of simultaneous examination the minimum essential could not be maintained, and further they would exclude Sikhs and Mahomedans and Rajputs races who were accustomed to rule. He then referred to the results of the I.C.S. and P.C.S. examinations during the past 10 years, and showed how Mahomedans got only one appointment in each service. He did not wish to base any conclusions on these statistics, but he would invite the Council's attention to them as having an important bearing on the question. Sir William, continuing, pointed out the difficulties of administering the North-West Frontier Province and Burma by a large number of Indians, as the people themselves would not welcome the change, and emphasised the character of the evidence given in Burma. He said the Civil Service had lost much of its attractiveness, and if the recommendations of the Commission were not accepted, and if high Executive and Judicial appointments were withheld, the service would be much more unattractive and competition would be between the best Indian youths and possibly some indifferent English youths. He urged that these considerations should be considered, and regretted his inability to accept the resolution, assuring that the opinions expressed would receive the best consideration.

MR. SASTRI EXPLODES SOME FALLACIES.

Mr. Sastri said Mr. Atkins had not indicated what were the practical difficulties. One he alluded to was the difficulty of holding an identical examination here and in England. He would refer to Sir Stanley Reed's evidence and said the difficulties were not insuperable. The other difficulty seemed to be the difficulty of securing a British minimum. The Commission objected to fixing any minimum at all, and any fixing had been held to be unconstitutional, but as a matter of fact they had fixed the minimum of Indians. It was told that simultaneous examinations would lead to over-representation of any particular community. But that would not justify the postponement of all their aims till the impossible was achieved. Muslims and Sikhs would clamour, so it was contended. But the authorities might make suitable arrangements to secure adequate representation for them. He then proceeded to show that though the Commission recognised it in the case of provincial services, they had ignored it in the case of the regular I.C.S. Speaking of the attractions of the Civil Service, he said they did not need to be made greater and if any difficulty was experienced, in his opinion it was not the greatest in their upward march.

MR. JINNAH ON THE JUSTICE OF THE OPEN-DOOR.

Mr. Jinnah said that Mr. Atkins had not pointed at any practical difficulty that was in his way, except one which Mr. Sastri had met. He asked why Indians should not have equal opportunities in the matter of competing for the Civil Service. He also asked why it was necessary to maintain a preponderance of the British element. What they wanted was men who would efficiently discharge the duties entrusted to them. He asked the Government to lay down whatever tests they liked and any one, be he a Brahmin or not, if he passed that test creditably, why on earth he should not be trusted. Referring to the argument that communities other than Hindus would suffer by simultaneous examination, Mr. Jinnah said that when men like Dadabhai Naoroji, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta, Mr. Gokhale and his Highness the Aga Khan strongly urged for simultaneous examination, no argument could be maintained that only the Hindus would alone benefit by simultaneous examination. He pleaded that the examination for the Civil Service should be as open as possible and urged for its being held simultaneously in England and India. By this they would always secure the best men.

MR. SHAFI'S SUPPORT.

Mr. Shafi was in entire accord with most of what Pandit Malaviya said. He was of opinion that the conducting of examinations in England was entirely unsatisfactory. The examination in India should be competitive and also simultaneous, to allow the best intellects to get into the service. But it should not be open competition, as he wished to allow all communities and classes to get a fair share. He did not share with Sir William Vincent his apprehension that Indians, say of Madras or Bombay, would not be a success in the Punjab or N.-W. Frontier Provinces. He wanted a combined system of selection and competition.

AGAINST INDIAN OPINION.

Dr. Sapru said too much reliance should not be placed on the Commission and referred to Indian thought on the Commission. After paying a great compliment to Mr. Gokhale and Mr. Abdur Rahim he declared that Sir M. B. Chaubal did not at any time belong to the progressive party in India. After referring to the policy of increasingly admitting Indians into responsible posts he said it could not be attained by following the Commission's recommendation and frankly Indian opinion would never reconcile itself with them.

He then passed on to examine the apprehension expressed by Sir William Vincent and declared that though only three out of 15 Indian Civilians belonged to U. P., they in U. P. did not feel their self-respect was compromised. They must be warned to take stock of new forces that were coming into existence.

Speaking of his reference to N.-W. Frontier Provinces, he said no experiment had been made, and so nothing could be said. Muslims did not figure more largely in the I.C.S. It was not because of the inferiority in any respect, but because their poverty prevented them from sending their sons to England on the off chance of their getting into the Civil Service. Continuing he said, that the whole system was unnatural and asked the Government not to take shelter behind arguments which would not bear any scrutiny.

RED HERRINGS.

Sir D. E. Wacha said that Sir William Vincent's arguments were very old. Practical difficulties had been raised, but they have been vague. Local Cambridge examinations were conducted in England and in India simultaneously, but no difficulty seemed to have been felt. Nor did he see any difficulty in holding *viva voce* examination. Whenever self-interest was required to be preserved, red herrings were always drawn in the way.

Sir William Vincent said the arguments he had referred to were not his own.

Sir D. E. Wacha: If not yours, they are of the Civil Service.

Sir William Vincent: Then why should you father it on me?

Continuing he said there was now unanimity between the Hindus and the Muslims, but the difference between the Brahmans and the non-Brahmans were trotted out. Even in Austria there were different classes, but he asked why should there be more difficulties here than there. The Act was clear, regarding men of proved merit being appointed to the Civil Service. He said that of all the present discontentments simultaneous examinations held the first place. Why, because it was the oldest. All arguments put forward by officials were specious fallacies. Why should there be any examinations in England at all? It was an old story as old as William the Conqueror. He appealed to the Home Member to enter into the feelings of Indians. Let all come and take a chance, but there should not be any artificial barriers.

ABSOLUTELY GROUNDLESS APPREHENSION.

Mr. Sarma in supporting said the arguments against the motion came to this, that things as they stood, India must agree to be governed by inferior Englishmen for the reason of their being Englishmen. He pointed out that feeling on this subject had been so intense that some had suggested that examination for recruitment for the Civil Service should be only held in India. He criticised at length the recommendations of the Public Services Commission on this subject, and held that no interest would be jeopardised, if their recommendation on this point had been revoked.

Replying to the argument that a certain section would predominate, if simultaneous examination was held, he quoted the evidence of his Highness the Aga Khan to show that such argument was futile, and apprehension absolutely groundless.

Mr. Walsh, referring to Sir D. Wacha's speech, said that the fact that old arguments were often repeated, did not in any way detract from their value. They, on the other hand, considerably gained in strength.

MUSLIM SUPPORT TO RESOLUTION.

The Raja of Muhamudabad said that the Hindu-Muhamadan argument was a worn-out one, and it was not a good argument to oppose the resolution. He said the All-India Muslim League and all Mahomedans supported the resolution.

WHY A MAJORITY OF BRITISH OFFICERS IS NEEDED.

Mr. Monah said that it would be admitted that when the British Rule was first established there was a lack of efficient Indian officials to carry on the administration on modern lines, but this had been removed fairly well indeed only in regard to certain communities. Again, there was the question of safe-guarding British interests. It was these two factors that required the presence of a majority of British officers. The sanctions of I.C.S. might undergo transformation in the distant future, but public services had to deal with the present.

"FOR GOD'S SAKE PLAY UP."

Pandit Malaviya disposed of the practical difficulties referred to by Mr. Atkins by saying they were all small ones. Referring to the objection based on the leakage of questions, he said if the Finance Department was able to keep its secrets, it ought not to be found difficult to prevent any leakage. Did the Government, he asked, in all sobriety desire that Europeans should maintain preponderance at the expense of the good-will of the people? Indians acknowledged the suzerainty gladly because they believed that their claims would be justly dealt with.

Referring to difficulties on religious grounds he said they were not substantial.

Referring to the Brahmin—non-Brahmin controversy he declared that he would give an undertaking on behalf of his Brahmin colleagues that for many years as the Government demanded Brahmin boys would keep away from competitive examinations to allow non-Brahmins to compete. In conclusion he said:—Do not take advantage of the fact that by our weakness and your strength you are in this country. For God's sake play up."

GOVERNMENT NOT AGAINST RESOLUTION.

Sir William Vincent in winding up the debate said that it should not be taken for granted that the Government were against the resolution, for the reason that they were not committed to any decision, nor did the Commission want to put any obstacles in the way of Indians getting in the Civil Service. On the other hand, they had suggested means to secure more Indians. The question was whether their method, or that of simultaneous examinations, was better. Mr. Jinnah had suggested that it would not be necessary to over-emphasise the importance of the British character of the Civil Service being maintained, as when popular assemblies came into existence the Civil Service would be servants and not masters. But, in view of the fact that the Council was considering the present situation that point had some importance.

RESOLUTION LOST.

The resolution was put to the meeting and lost. Pandit Malaviya having called for a division the resolution was rejected by 34 voting against and 20 voting for it. The Council adjourned till next Monday.

WELCOME TO MR. MONTAGU.

MADRAS MUSLIM LEAGUE'S MESSAGE.

(Associated Press.)

MADRAS, Sept. 21.

The Madras Presidency Muslim League has sent the following cable to the Secretary of State:—"Madras Presidency Muslim League offers you its most cordial welcome in the name of the Mussalmans of southern India. Your visit will conduce to greater consolidation of the Empire."

ARMED DACOITY NEAR CHANDERNAGORE.

ALL BUT ONE OF THE GANG ARRESTED BY VILLAGERS.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 21.

The story of an encounter with a gang of dacoits comes from Gondolpara in French Chandernagore. In the small hours of last Monday morning a gang of up country daccits, about seven or eight in number armed with lathis broke into the house of one Bhutnath Napit after locking the door of the room in which a man was sleeping. They approached an adjoining room in which there were some women. The sixteen year old son of the house, who occupied a third room, armed himself with a dao and posted himself at the doorway. As the dacoits came up he attacked the men, slashing the leg of one and severely wounding another on the head. Meanwhile, some of the village watch committee were attracted to the spot, by the uproar. The remaining dacoits attempted to escape, but were soon secured, excepting one who swam across a neighbouring tank.

RENEWED BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

(Continued from page 9.)

Comines canal. The North Country and Australian battalions in the centre penetrated the positions to the depth of over a mile and captured the whole of their objectives including the hamlet of Veldhoek and the western portion of Polygon Wood.

Further north Zevenkok was captured and the London and Highland Territorials carried the second line of the farms including the Rose Farm, the Quebec Farm and the Wurst Farm on the line of their final objectives.

The weather this morning cleared and aeroplanes were able to take more active part in the battle, indicating the position of our troops and reporting hostile concentration to our artillery.

Thus a number of German counter-attacks were broken up and others repulsed by our infantry.

Our prisoners exceed two thousand. We have captured a few guns.

There was considerable aeroplane observation on Wednesday. We engaged hostile troops and transport and also dropped one and half tone of bombs on various targets and another ton during the night time on billets and hutments. Six German machines were brought down and four driven down. Seven of ours are missing.

LATEST GERMAN PEACE TRAP.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S EFFECTIVE REPLY.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Sept. 21.
Recd. 1-55 a.m., Sept. 22.

The detailed character of Field-Marshal Haig's communique is welcomed by the papers which describe the new offensive as Field-Marshal Haig's reply to the latest German peace trap. The offensive is regarded as important strategically.

Field-Marshal Haig has been persistently pushing the big salient between the Ypres-Roulers and Ypres-Menin roads and its extension eastwards will menace the German position in Flanders and Northern France. The Wedges driven into the enemy's front will separate the Germans south of the Lys river from those north of it. If the movement continues as begun it will precipitate another "voluntary retirement according to plan." Hence Hindenburg's tremendous efforts to check the British progress eastwards.

With his army on the line joining the towns of Menin and Roulers Sir Douglas Haig will be able to attack Lille from the north and Ostend from the south.

FIERCE STRUGGLE ON FRENCH FRONT.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., Sept. 21.

A French communiqué says, there was intense cannonading south of Oise, in the Champagne in the sector of Tornilet and Autmont and on both banks of the Meuse.

FREIGHT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

NOTICE LIKELY TO BE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Sept. 21.
Recd. 0-35 a.m., Sept. 22.

"The Times" says:—Notice is likely to be given immediately of increases in outward freights to Australia and New Zealand representing the advances of considerably more than one-third which is the extent to which Indian freights will be raised provisionally on November 1st. The advance of one-third in outward freights to South Africa is believed also to be under consideration.

"The Times" says there is no question of profits to shipping lines since the tonnage of all lines has been requisitioned, but companies are concerned to ensure that expenses are covered.

BELGIAN SUCCESS IN GERMAN E. AFRICA.

ENEMY RETREATING TOWARDS MAHENGE.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Sept. 20.
Recd. 12-30 p.m. Sept. 21.

A Belgian communiqué says the success of the Belgians in German East Africa at Madege on September 9th and 10th was completed by the capture of the enemy positions at Kalimoto. The enemy is retreating towards Mahenge on the whole front pursued by the Belgians.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION BOMBAY CENTRE.

Examinations of the First Aid and Home Nursing Classes organised by Mr. D. F. Panthaki, under the auspices of the Bombay City Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association were conducted by Dr. C. C. Merchant, M.B., B.S., Lr. J. D. Dhruv, M.B., B.S., and Lieut. K. S. Patel, I.M.S., and the following candidates are declared successful:—Messrs. Nariman D. Adenwala; Dattatrya M. Bhadbhade; Shanker A. Bhure; Naorosji M. Carpenter; Ardeshir J. Chhapkhanavala; Dhanjisha N. Daji; M. S. Krishnaswamy Ayenger; Anandrao K. Jayker; Ardeshir Sorabji Kapadia; Narayen G. Katti; Vaman B. Khot; Minocheher M. Lahivala (Junior); Motiram V. Mahale; Govind P. Nandaker; Jehangir P. Sarkari; Ratisen M. Talpade; Dattatrya S. Veena; Kaikhasru D. Bhagvagar; Shrirang G. Chavan; Poonja D. Contractor; Pragji M. Desai; Sorab P. Gazdar; Madhav G. Dukle; Barjor Hormasji Katrak; Laxman D. Kulkarni; Jehangir P. Master; Ratilal B. Mehta; S. Nandivala; Nilkanth R. Rele; Hirji Shivji Shah; V. Venkatarama; Tulsidas R. Vijaykar; Nadirsha Navroji Writer.

Home Nursing Awards:—Vishvanath S. Ajinkaya; Nariman J. Bhivandivala; Purv. J. Bhivandivala; Minocheher B. Chinoy; Framji N. Daji; Sorab J. Dubash; Shamrao S. Dhurandhar; Dattatrya V. Gokhle; Damodar S. Joglekar; Rustamji N. Katrak; Jeevantrai J. Mehta; Jamshed M. Modi; Rama N. Naik; Chensingh U. Pardeshi; Lewis Pinto; Kanayalal C. Santani; Raghunath R. Thakur.

THE CERCLE LITTERAIRE.

M. MAGNIER'S LECTURES ON LA FONTAINE.

The Cercle Litteraire Francais, with its well-stocked library of French works dealing with every branch of French learning and literature, has long been doing excellent work in the direction of helping on and encouraging our numerous students in the study of the French language. Latterly new life has been thrown into it by the advent of M. Maurice Magnier, after an extensive tour all over India, the impressions of which he has recorded in a little volume of sonnets in French. M. Magnier has lately come to reside in Bombay, where his intellectual attainments, charming personality, and sympathetic interest in the people of this country has already procured him a large circle of admiring friends. Madame Maurice joined him here about three months ago. It may be mentioned *en passant*, that the proceeds of his volume of sonnets are to go to Lady Willingdon's Bombay War Relief Fund. M. Magnier has started a series of *"Causeries"* or talks in French, which have been held regularly every Monday at the Cercle rooms. They are well attended by a number of students of the French language and others too who are interested in promoting its spread.

FABLES OF THE EAST.

On Saturday last and on the previous Saturday, M. Magnier delivered two very interesting lectures on "La Fontaine and his obligations to Oriental fabulists." The subject was admirably handled. In these two lectures he traced the course of the literature of Fables, from its earliest source in India to its latest development in Europe,—from the almost mythical Pilpay—the author of the Pancha-Tantra, to La-Fontaine the last of the apostles who claimed to teach the world by means of apologues, parables and fables. He showed how the fabulist lore and science spread from India to China and round by Tibet to Turkestan and Persia and then through Arabia to Greece and later to France and the rest of the world. The learned lecturer further showed how through the French savants, Gallard (the first European translator of the Thousand and One Nights) and Sylvestre De Sacy, the great French orientalist, the works of the East were brought to the West and how through these and others La Fontaine found both material and inspiration to blossom forth as one of the most delightful of French writers and the most perfect handler of the science of teaching by the happy medium of Fables. For their wit, simplicity, and felicity of diction "La Fontaine's Fables" has reached the *ne plus ultra* of this form of literature and well deserves to be more widely taught in all our French school-classes.

M. Magnier, it is interesting to learn, is engaged on a larger work on this subject, and these two admirable lectures which he delivered before the Cercle Litteraire, will, we understand, form the preface to the coming work.

GERMAN WASTAGE OF MUNITIONS.

LUDENDORFF'S WARNING TO THE ARMIES.

(Associated Press.)

ALLAHABAD, Sept. 21.

The "Pioneer's" London correspondent cables:—

An American correspondent with the French sends a German army order signed by General von Ludendorff and addressed to all armies in the field, stating that "despite the general diminution of combatant activity the consumption of munitions remains high and particularly the expenditure of certain heavy shells exceeds the rate of production. This is serious. However, the superior direction of the army cannot issue a new general order for further restriction in the consumption of munitions, because our losses on all fighting fronts continue to be very high and would become even higher if further general instructions were given. Economy of men is even more important than economy of munitions."

The order goes on to cite the ways in which both men and munitions are wastefully used, including too severe fighting for the possession of ground of little tactical value and useless barrages.

GERMAN DRAFTS OF 1919 CLASS.

A British correspondent at the front writes that the Germans are still receiving large drafts of the 1919 class to replace the wastage. Youths recently captured were mustered. Many had been sent to the front before their training had been completed. The dilution of good fighting units with these boys has had a markedly deteriorating effect. Some battalions which failed badly at Langemarck had been subjected to severe punishment, which the older men bitterly resent, declaring that these nerve shaken ill-trained, ill-fed youths drafted into their ranks were responsible for their defeat.

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CONGRESS AND MOSLEM LEAGUE.

MEETINGS AT ALLAHABAD.

(From a Correspondent.)

LUCKNOW, Sept. 21.

A meeting of the Council of the All-India Moslem League will be held at Allahabad at the City Road residence of the Hon. Mr. Raza Ali on the 5th October 1917 at 12 noon to elect the President of the next session of the Moslem League.

A joint meeting of the All-India Congress Committee and the Council of the All-India Moslem League will be held in Allahabad at Anand Bhowan, the residence of the Hon. Pandit Motilal Nehru on the 8th October, 1917 at 5 p.m. to consider the reports of the Congress Committees and Council of the All-India Moslem League relating to passive resistance.

CONGRESS PROPAGANDA.

SUGGESTED MONSTER PETITION TO MR. MONTAGU.

The Joint Hon. Secretary of the Gujarat Sabha writes:—

In order to popularise the idea of presenting a monster petition to Mr. Montagu to convince him of the extent and intensity of public opinion for the immediate grant of reforms contained in the joint scheme of the Moslem League and the National Congress, the Gujarat Sabha have addressed a circular letter to all the Congress Committees in the whole of India. The Sabha will address the Home Rule Leagues also on getting a list of their branches, for which the Sabha has addressed the central offices of the Home Rule Leagues at Bombay, Poona and Madras. The letter says that "it is not sufficient for us merely to discuss the question of Reforms with the Secretary of State as representative bodies, but it is imperatively necessary to strengthen his hands against the reactionary anti-reform forces by clearly and emphatically bringing to his notice the volume of public opinion in favour of reforms. The opportunity is unique and to miss it would be almost culpable."

The Sabha has also addressed many known gentlemen in Gujarat and public bodies, inviting co-operation. It is very gratifying to note that encouraging replies are coming from all persons and institutions approached, and besides many from various parts of Gujarat have spontaneously offered their services for the work. The idea was started only about 10 days back and the response is unique. Besides work in the city of Ahmedabad, work has been already begun in about 26 places (towns and villages both) viz. Borsad, Anand, Surat, Kathlal, Broach, Dehen, Bombay, Modasa, Oda, Gomtipur, Balasinor, Bulsar, Chikhodra, Viramgam, Naroda, Sahijpur, Vaso, Piplav, Ashtagam, Gandeva, Kalilpur, Degam, Vejalpur, Amalsad, and Halol. The whole time has been spent till now in doing spade work, and organising work in different places. The Sabha also proposes to organise deputations and lecturing tours in various places in Gujarat.

CONGRESS-LEAGUE REFORM SCHEME.

MADRAS NON-BRAHMINS' SUPPORT.

(Associated Press.)

MADRAS, Sept. 20.

The non-Brahman meeting announced for to-day was held this evening at the Gokhale Hall with Mr. Arunagiri Naidu in the chair. Admission was by tickets.

The Chairman in the course of his speech said that in any scheme of reform propounded the various communities should be adequately represented and he expressed thankfulness for the cancelment of the internment orders. He appealed to all non-Brahmans to close up their ranks and present a solid front in view of the Secretary of State's visit.

Resolutions affirming adherence to the scheme of reforms formulated by the Congress and Muslim League, subject to the principle of providing adequate representation for several communities, (2) forming an association called the Madras Presidency Association for the purpose of promoting and safeguarding the interests of non-Brahman communities and (3) forming committee to formulate a scheme of reforms in consonance with the preceding resolution, were passed.

MRS. BESANT'S RELEASE.

On the motion of Mr. Kesava Pillay the following resolution was passed: That this meeting of the representatives of landed gentries, bankers, sowcars, traders, merchants and representatives of various professions, begs to place on record their gratitude for the cancellation of the internment orders on Mrs. Besant and others, respectfully assures Government and the Secretary of State that this act of justice without heeding to the clamour of short-sighted Europeans and a few misguided Indians have added to the sense of security and strengthened the belief in British fair-play and justice.

Another resolution praying for the release of Messrs Mahomed Ali and Shaukat Ali was also carried. It was resolved to communicate the resolution to the Government of India and the Secretary of State. Among those who took part in the proceedings were Dewan Bahadur C. Karunakar Menon, Dewan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillay Rao Saheb P. Sambada Mudaliar, Dr. Nanjunda Rao, Messrs. Lodd Govindoss, S. Guruswami Chetty, Chakra Chetty and others. The meeting, which was well attended, lasted for about three hours.

DECCAN SABHA AND BENGAL LEADERS

(Associated Press.)

POONA, Sept. 20.

At a meeting of the Council of the Deccan Sabha held this evening the following resolution was passed and was communicated to the Bengal leaders:—

The Council of the Deccan Sabha, Poona, strongly condemns the treatment given by a section of the Reception Committee to revered Congress leaders like Rai Baikunth Nath Sen Bahadur, Mr. Surendranath Banerjea and others, who have grown old in the service of the Motherland, and in whose hands her destinies have been safe, and strongly denounces every tendency to rowdyism in politicial agitation in the country.

MESSRS MAHOMED ALI AND SHAUKAT ALI.

NO ORDER OF RELEASE YET RECEIVED.

(From a Correspondent.)

CHINDWARA, Sept. 21.

Congratulatory telegrams and reports of the meetings held to express joy at their release and invitations to visit various centres have been pouring in on Messrs. Shaukatali and Mohamadali at Chindwara, but no orders cancelling the internment have been received from the Government up to 8 a.m. of the 21st instant.

The local Home Rule League was "at home" to them on the 20th and a large number of men representing all classes and communities assembled to do honour to them.

MRS. BESANT'S RELEASE.

MEETING AT ALLAHABAD.

(Associated Press.)

ALLAHABAD, Sept. 20.

A public meeting was held here yesterday to celebrate the releas of Mrs. Besant. Several people illuminated their houses and some schools were closed.

PRESS COMMENTS ON RELEASE.

NOT A SIGN OF WEAKNESS.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 20.

The "Bengalee" says: The announcement has been received with great satisfaction throughout the country. Acknowledgment and revision of mistake, once it is found out, is not a sign of vacillation or weakness, but an exhibition of strength. Mrs. Besant has never been known to lend her support to any violent method of political agitation. She may have called a spade a spade and not always minced matters, but she must be said to have ever kept herself within strictly constitutional limits and exercised her influence to the same end.

After congratulating the Government, the "Amrita Bazar Patrika" says: "We believe the Government of India as well as the Government of Madras have been influenced in their decision to right the grave wrong they were led to do to Mrs. Besant and through her to the Home Rule cause by the calm and dignified and absolutely constitutional character of agitation of the last three months, and in recognising their error they have raised themselves in public estimation to a degree which it is not possible for the unimaginative Anglo-Indian scribe to realise.

ANGLO-INDIAN PRESS COMMENTS.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 20.

The "Englishman" says:—How is it possible for Government to retain the loyalty and respect and support of the great majority of moderate opinion on which in the last resort it must rely? That opinion is not disturbed merely by the spectre of Mrs. Besant before which the Government of India and Mr. Montagu quail. It is disturbed by the feeling that this weakness is a manifestation of rot in the body politic. It feels that Government is losing the courage of its convictions and the cunning of its hand. It is anxious, lest on the threshold of political changes, which may bring the whole fabric of the Indian Empire to the same sorry ruin as Russia or China or Persia or Turkey, Government will be seized with the panic of weakness merely because Mrs. Besant or some equally garrulous and irresponsible individual brandishes a red and green flag and shouts "Home Rule."

The "Indian Daily News" observes that the course the authorities have seen fit to adopt has been taken in opposition to the sense of the European and Anglo-Indian public feeling, and with an utter disregard of the advice of those who may be considered to have some stake in the country.

LAHORE, Sept. 20.

Commenting on the order of release of Mrs. Besant and her coadjutors, the "Civil and Military Gazette" writes:—What the public would like to know difinitely is whether the Government of India have received any assurance from Mrs. Besant that she will refrain from violent and unconstitutional methods of political agitation during the remainder of the war, or failing that, what are their grounds for being satisfied that the restrictions upon her may now be removed. We can only hope that the Government of India will not find their clemency misplaced and that Mrs. Besant and her friends will see the advisability of remaining quiet until the end of the war. If there is an attempt at reviving violent and pernicious methods of agitation which led to the internments, we trust prompt action will be taken and no more clemency will be shown to the offenders. It is possible to pay dearly for giving Mr. Montagu the satisfaction of posing as friend and protector of a political movement which, if successful, could only mean rivetting of the yoke of a narrow oligarchy upon the necks of the Indian people.

MR. MONTAGU AND LORD CHELMSFORD THANKED

MADRAS PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE'S MESSAGES.

(Associated Press.)

MADRAS, Sept. 20.

The following cablegram was despatched by the Madras Provincial Congress Committee to the Secretary of State for India:—"Madras Congress Committee expresses gratitude to you for signal act of just and sound statesmanship in releasing Mrs. Besant and others. Committee assure you that the people of the Madras Presidency will ever be grateful to you and the British Government for this unforgettable act. India's confidence in British sense of justice and fair play fully vindicated and enhanced."

The Madras Provincial Congress Committee has sent the following telegram also to the Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy, Simla:—The Madras Provincial Committee express their profound gratitude to his Excellency at the just and statesmanlike action taken by Indian Government in ordering the release of Mrs. Besant and others.

The Committee also sent the following message to Mrs. Besant, Coimbatore:—"Madras Provincial Congress Committee rejoices over your release,—a bare act of justice and signal triumph for constitutional agitation. Please convey our gratification to Messrs. Wadia and Arundale."

HINDU-MAHOMEDAN TENSION AT BARSI.

DISTURBANCE AT A FUNERAL PROCESSION.

(Associated Press.)

POONA, Sept. 20.

Notwithstanding the efforts made to bring about a settlement of the dispute between Hindus and Mahomedans of Barsi town in regard to playing of music while passing places of worship, a fresh trouble appears to have arisen on Monday evening. A Hindu funeral party, while going past a Mahomedan mosque continued to play their instruments, which at once led to a fight when the Mahomedans tried to stop them. One Mahomedan is reported to have been severely handled in the course of the scuffle, while the dead body was left on the roadway, the carriers having taken to their heels. It was later removed under police supervision.

SALE OF LORD WILLINGDON'S SIND CATTLE.

(Associated Press.)

POONA, Sept. 20.

A further sale of seventeen head of Sind cattle from the Willingdon Farm took place this evening at Ganeshkind. There was a large gathering of agriculturists, officials, agents of native chiefs and others, and some very good prices were realised. Four cows which were sold to make room for heifers bred on the farm realised over Rs. 1,105. Six young bulls realised Rs. 1,395 and seven heifers Rs. 2,815. Among the purchasers were Mr. Keatinge, Director of Agriculture, the Chief of Dhragandra, the Chief of Ichalkaranji, the Nawab of Sachin, the Nawab of Radanpur and the Nawab of Mudhol.

LADY WILLINGDON AT CALCUTTA.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 20.

Her Excellency Lady Willingdon arrived from Rangoon by steamer this afternoon and landed at the Princess Ghat at 4 o'clock. The voyage across the bay was a pleasant one the weather being calm. Her Excellency appears to be in good health, the visit to Burma having proved very beneficial. Lady Willingdon was received on arrival by Mr. Blastair Cameron, partner of Messrs. Mackinon Mackenzie, whose guest she is during her stay for a few hours in Calcutta. She proceeded at once by motor to the headquarters of the Bengal Home Industries Association where she was met by Mr. Ascoli. She showed much practical interest in the goods for sale. Her attention was particularly drawn to the matting from East Bengal and the pearl buttons. After a visit to Tollygunge her Excellency leaves this evening for Poona.

INDIAN DEFENCE FORCE.

(Associated Press.)

RANGOON, Sept. 20.

Information has been received here that the active service groups of I. D. F. in India and Burma will be trained at Madras, Malipuram, and Calicut. It is not known which groups will be trained at the places mentioned.

NEW MEMBERS OF HOME RULE LEAGUE BOMBAY BRANCH.

The following have joined the Home Rule League, Bombay Branch:—Messrs. Laxmichand Mangalji, Madan Ramchandra Vaidya, P. J. Khandalkar, Jokhan Gajadhar Sarang, Purshottamdas Hirjee, Narayan Samjee, Chaganlal Vallabhdas, Mohanlal Bhulabhai, Maniklal Shankarlal, Padamsi Bhanji, Mathuradas T. Saraiya, Phakeerchand G. Javeri, Badridas Maganlal, Gulamhosein P. Merchant, Nandlal Vishwanath, Ahamod Adamji Aziz, Chintalapati M. Shastri, Laxmidas Mavjee, Motibhai Bapubhai Patell, Vrijlal Motilal Patell, Ratanlal M. Bakshi, Pragji Dharamsi, Hiralal Chotalal and Dhanvantrai B. Mehta.

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FOURTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ALLEGED MURDER OF NEWBORN CHILD.

A WIDOW ACQUITTED.

(Before Justice Marten and a Special Jury.)

King-Emperor (Complainant) v. Gangabai (Accused).

The accused Gangabai was charged with the murder of her infant child and with abetment of concealing the birth of her child by secretly burying or disposing of the same.

Mr. W. L. Weldon with Mr. Saadudin Khan appeared for the Crown. Mr. J. K. Bomanji appeared for the accused.

The case for the prosecution was as follows:—Gangabai was a widow who, in the beginning of the month of August, this year, had gone to live in a room occupied by one Laxman and his wife. On the 25th of August at about 9 p.m. she gave birth to a child. The child was born alive and after some time began to cry. The woman put her foot on the child's throat and killed it. She then wrapped the body in a piece of white cloth and gave it to her paramour. He took the child and concealed it in a drain where it was discovered the next morning. Her paramour was charged with concealing the birth of a child and was convicted and sentenced in the lower court.

The defence of the accused was that she was in a very weak and distracted state of mind then, and when the child began to cry she put her foot on its throat in order to prevent its cries being heard by others. She did not wish the others to know of her shame. Her paramour then asked her for the child and she gave it to him. She did not kill the child. The child was alive when it was taken away by the paramour. She did not know what happened thereafter.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty on both the charges and the accused was acquitted.

CAUSE LIST.

BOARD FOR SATURDAY, THE 22ND OF SEPTEMBER, 1917.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE KAJIJI.

In the Division Court No. 43.

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952-17.—Payne & Co., Soroopji Jagooji & Co. a firm v. Tullockji Manroopji a firm, Dubash & Co., 14-9-17.

600-17.—Shroff & Dinsha, Hathising Jethabhai v. Maneckchand Rajmal, Raghawayya N & Co., 17-9-17.

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717-17.—Captain & Vaidya, Fazulbhai Peermahomed v. The Planet Mills Ltd, Edgelow G W & Co., 18-7-17.

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947-17.—Little & Co., The Advocate-General of Bombay v. Yusufalli Ebrahimji & ors, Payne & Co., 10-9-17.

941-17.—Merwanji K & Co., The Advocate-General of Bombay v. Yusufalli Ebrahimji & ors, Payne & Co., 10-9-17.

29-17.—Payne & Co., Rai Bahadur Kasturchand Oukarji v. Zoonoolal Moonalal Zaveri, Malvi, M R & Co., 13-9-17.

1059-16.—Nadersha & D, Gangadhar Keshavram v. Gopaldas Gordhandas, Matubhai J & M, 17-9-17.

721-17.—Bhimji & Co., Shrinivasdas Sitaram Bavri v. Girdharilal Jadadnath Budwar, Payne & Co., 18-9-17.

687-17.—Bhimji & Co., Narayen Pandurang Salkar v. Balcrishna Mahadeo Seth Parkar & ors, Crawford B & Co., 19-9-17.

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RIVAL GANGS OF COOLIES.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A SHIPPING CLERK.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Rao Bahadur Chunilal H. Setalvad, Mr. Edulji Rustomji Bharucha, a passage and disinfecting clerk in the employ of the British India Steam Navigation Company, charged (1) Kader alias Abdul Latif, (2) Paltia, (3) Akbar, (4) Ahmed Mistry and (5) Rasul, with voluntarily causing hurt and abetment thereof on the 20th August, 1917. Mr. N. N. Saher instructed by Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai appeared for the complainant, while Mr. Pathare appeared for the first accused, Mr. M. K. Azad with Mr. Kampani for the second, third and fourth accused; and Mr. S. G. Velinker and Mr. S. B. Kapadia for the fifth accused.

The complainant alleged that till about six months ago he used to engage coolies under the leadership of the fifth accused. The passengers and his superiors were dissatisfied with the rude behaviour and arbitrary and extortionate methods of these coolies, and he had therefore to transfer the work to other coolies. Since then the fifth accused and his subordinates harassed and threatened the complainant and his coolies. About 11 a.m. on the 20th August last his (the complainant's) coolies were removing to the Customs Office the baggage of some crew and he was accompanying them. When he came out of the Alexandra Docks he found the accused and some other coolies following him. All the accused assaulted him with sticks and the fifth accused told his colleagues to go on assaulting the complainant. All the accused continued assaulting him even after he had fallen down unconscious. Some coolies working under him were also severely assaulted. He was taken to the G. T. Hospital for treatment.

After some discussion, the accused gave an undertaking not to go to the B. I. S. N. Company's steamers or interfere with the Company's coolies in uniform and with badges, and the further hearing of the case was postponed for a month to see whether the above undertaking is carried out.

THEFT OF CLOTH BALES.

CLOTH MERCHANT FINED RS 500.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. G. R. Khairaz, Sub-Inspector Chimanlal charged Dahyabhai Hirji, a cloth merchant, with house-breaking and with the theft of fifty-four bales of cloth of the value of Rs. 23,280. Mr. S. B. Kapadia appeared for the complainant, while Mr. J. D. Davar and Mr. C. N. Kanuga defended the accused.

The case for the prosecution was that the accused was doing business in the name of Dahyabhai Hirji and Company. As the firm got into financial difficulties the accused mortgaged fifty-four bales of cloth with Jainarayan Jethmal of the firm of Vinodiram Balchand of Sheikh Memon Street on the 27th July, for Rs. 15,000. The bales were then kept in a godown in Sutta Gully. On the 8th August the accused entered into partnership with Narayan Jagjivandas, a cloth merchant, and they started a firm under the name of Jagjivan Dahyabhai and Company in Champa Gully, taking the mortgaged property in partnership without the complainant's knowledge. It was further alleged that on the 29th August the accused got the bales removed from the godown in Sutta Gully and stored them in the godown of Vasanji Khimji in Jambur Wadi. On the 11th September the complainant discovered the loss and reported the matter to Sub-Inspector Chimanlal, who recovered bales worth Rs. 6,000 from the Jambur Wadi godown and ascertained that Jagjivan had sold the remaining property to some customers. The accused was then arrested.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, saying he removed the bales under the belief that he had the right to do so. He paid the remaining balance, namely, Rs. 13,000, to the complainant.

The Magistrate said the accused was a respectable merchant and had committed a technical offence. He therefore sentenced him to a fine of Rs. 500, in default, to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

CRUELTY TO A FOWL AND BULLOCKS

ALL ACCUSED FINED.

Before the Fort Bench of Honorary Magistrates, presided over by Dr. W. Nunan, one Anton Mascarenhas was charged with cruelty to a fowl. The accused placed the fowl in a basket and then placed something over it. He was convicted and sentenced to a fine of Rs. 10.

Dhondiba Sidhu and twenty other cartmen were charged with using unfit bullocks in their carts. They were convicted and sentenced to fines ranging from Re 1 to Rs 5.

8 AS FOR CRUELTY TO A FOWL.

Before the Bench of Honorary Presidency Magistrates, presided over by Mr. S. E. Warden, Agent No. 7 of the B. S. P. C. A., charged Vishram Lalia yesterday with carrying a fowl in a basket with its head and other parts crushed under foodstuff. The Magistrates convicted the accused and fined him annas eight.

BORAH DEFAMATION CASE.

Mr. Khanbhoy Amiji, Editor of "Bag-e-Moamin," a monthly, having been ex-communicated by the Amil of Amreli, Shaikh Huseinbhoy Shaikh Usufbhoy, and six others, leading members of the community, has thereupon lodged a complaint against them all for defamation in the court of Mr. Panubhoy, 1st Class Magistrate.

The Magistrate after reading the complaint issued summons against all the accused; bails of Rs. 200 each being allowed.

INQUEST ON DEATH OF A DEALER IN BOTTLES.

Dr. W. Nunan, Acting Coroner, held an inquest at the Coroner's Court yesterday, touching the death of Karim Mahomed, aged thirty-five, a dealer in empty bottles. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased, with a friend of his, went to the house of a singing girl at Foras Road on the 28th August, where they had a quarrel with two or three others and it is alleged that the deceased was assaulted. The deceased filed a case against the assailants, but the case was compounded in consideration of a sum of money. He went to the house on Wednesday with his friend, where in the course of conversation he got excited and dropped down dead. Dr. Arthur Powell, Police Surgeon, made a post mortem examination of the body and found that death was due to the rupture of an aneurysm into the sac of the heart. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical opinion.

The J. B. Railway line has been breached between Parlu and Tilwara. Trann service is suspended between Luni and Barmer. The duration of breach will probably be for a fortnight.

INDIAN FOOD PRODUCTS EXHIBITION.

MEDALS TO BE ISSUED.

The committee in charge of the Exhibition of Food and Household Requisites of Indian Production, which is being held next November in Bombay, is making great progress towards ensuring an unequivocal triumph for the Exhibition. They have chosen their date happily, and, if precedents augur anything, they ought to repeat the great success which attended the War Sale and Fete held in Bombay last year. Already they have hit upon one excellent device for catching popular favour. For besides the usual tickets of admission, which are required to enfranchise the visitor to all such fetes, the committee are issuing little medals which will be at once a pass to and a memento of the Exhibition. These medals are made in Silver and Bronze. They are extremely attractive trinkets. Diamond-shaped, they bear on one side a facsimile of the Willingdon Arms and the words "Exhibition and Grand Fancy Fair," while on the other it has the inscription: "In Aid of the Women's Branch of the Bombay Presidency War and Relief Fund." There is, we think, little need to extol the virtues of such a memento of the Exhibition and Fancy Fair, and the passes ought to meet with a wide and popular demand. In order to "push" the sale of them a special committee has been formed and that committee consists of: Mrs. C. C. Fowler (President), Lands End Road, Malabar Hill; Mrs. Millard, the Ridge, Malabar Hill; Mrs. Latif, 5, Adenwala Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face: Mrs. Masina, Napean Sea Road, Malabar Hill; Mrs. Sawyer, Marble Hall, Wodehouse Road; Dr. Mrs. D'Monte, Cama Hospital; Mrs. Claridge, Sorab House, Ormiston Road; Mrs. Talyarkhan, Warden Road, Cumballa Hill; Miss Abraham, 107 Esplanade Road; Mrs. Singhanee, Lands End Road, Malabar Hill; Mrs. Mercer, Taj Mahal Hotel; and Mr. J. F. Jackson, the Hon. Secretary to the Exhibition and Grand Fancy Fair, Mayo Road; and Lady Representatives of the Women's Branch in all Districts of the Bombay Presidency.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

We are informed that the following donations have been received on behalf of the Exhibition and Grand Fancy Fair.

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BOMBAY MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The following persons have been elected to be members of the Bombay Medical Council in accordance with the provisions of the Bombay Medical Act (Bom. VI of 1912):—

Under sub-section (2), clause (c), of section 2.—Dr. Sorab Kharsedji Nariman, Dr. Kaikhushru Manekji Dubash, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna Bhatawadekar and Khan Bahadur Dr. Nasarvanji Hormasji Choksy.

Under sub-section 2, clause (d), of section 2.—Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Evans, I.M.S., and Lieut.-Colonel T. Jackson, I.M.S.

The Bombay Government have nominated the following persons to be President and Members of the Bombay Medical Council:—

The Hon. Surgeon-General R. W. S. Lyons, President; Dr. Rajabally Vishram Patel, Dr. Accacio Gabriel Viegas, Dr. Raghavendra Row, Colonel W. E. Jennings, I.M.S., Sir Temulji Bhikaji Nariman and Lieut.-Colonel A. Hooton, I.M.S., Members.

PLAGUE IN THE PRESIDENCY.

Mortality from plague in the Districts and Native States in the Bombay Presidency during the week ending 15th September occurred as follows:—Bombay City 24; Ahmedabad City 182; Other places in Ahmedabad 30; Kaira District 18; Surat Port 68; Bulsar Port 1; Other places in Surat District 11; Broach District 4; West Khandesh District 112; Thana District 9; Satara District 276; Nasik District 294; Ahmednagar District 71; Poona Town 3; Other places in Poona District 159; Sholapur District 118; Kolaba District 21; Belgaum District 92; Dharwar District 57; Bijapur District 176; Kanara District 6; Karachi Town and Port 6; Hyderabad District 5; Kolhapur and Southern Maratha Country States 440; Bhavnagar Port 51; Mangrol Port 9; Porbundar Port 2; Other places in Kathiawar Agency 34; Surat Agency 5; Satara Agency 49; Bijapur Agency 15; Mahi Kantha Agency 4; Akalkote State 17; Bhor State 4; Mundra Port 10; Other places in Cutch

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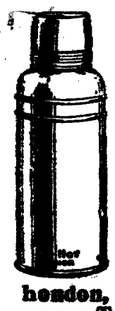

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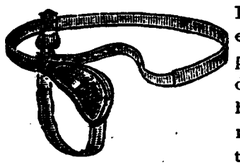

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"PIONEER'S" LAMENT.

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ALLAHABAD, Sept. 20.

The "Pioneer" writes:—There is hardly an Englishman, we venture to assert, in the whole length and breadth of India who will read the report regarding the proceedings of the Legislative Council meeting at Simla on Wednesday with any feelings but those of surprise and disgust. Even in Lord Hardinge's time we never witnessed such a pitiful exhibition of official humility as has now been presented for the scorn and derision of the Philistines. What was the need for the Viceroy to get up gravely, chide his Honour for his past irrelevances, and then in effect beg for forgiveness for his sinful but repentant brother? How in the name of commonsense is "dispassionate examination" of any matter to be conducted if truth is not occasionally told? How is political India ever to get out of the nursery if it cannot learn to endure a little plain-speaking? There is a danger of carrying this "hush hush" fetish too far. Two Local Governments brought to "bag" in two successive days. Even Lord Hardinge could not have boasted such a record. But it is not Simla nor the Viceroy who in this instance is primarily to blame. The voice that is heard may be the voice of Lord Chelmsford, but the hands that have been pulling the strings, are those of the Right Hon. Edwin Samuel Montagu, Secretary of State.

COUNCIL RATES.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Sept. 19.

A press communiqué says:—The Secretary of State has authorised the Government of India to make the following statement with regard to the conditions by which he is being and will for the present be guided in fixing his Council rates:—

These rates are being, and will continue to be, based roughly on the price at which the Secretary of State is able to buy silver. He cannot be expected to sell rupees at appreciably less than their actual cost, but he intends to apply this principle with considerable latitude so as to avoid changes as possible. He agrees with the Government of India in recognising the importance of this to the trading and other exceptionally large interests.

As regards the price of gold brought into India, the Secretary of State, after full consideration of all material facts bearing on the question, has decided that while he continues to sell telegraphic transfers at 1s. 5d. per rupee, the rate payable for imported gold acquired by the Government of India should be Rs. 14-8-0 per sovereign in the case of sovereigns and in the case of other gold coin or bullion at Re. 1 for 7.79321 grains Troy of fine gold. These rates will relate purely to gold acquired for currency purposes and there is no intention of altering the internal parity at one to 15 of the sovereign and the rupee within India. They will also, of course, not be applicable in the case of sovereigns shipped to the Government of India from an Australian mint, which will merely carry out the coinage of gold for the Government of India from gold supplied by them or on their account.

In continuation of the communiqué issued on the 19th instant regarding the alteration in the rates payable by the Government of India for imported gold acquired by them namely Rs. 14-8 per sovereign in the case of sovereigns, and Re. 1 for 7.79321 grains troy of fine gold in the case of other gold coin or bullion, it may be explained that it is the intention to introduce on the 26th instant a bill to legalise these new rates. These rates will however only apply to gold shipped to India on or after the 26th instant. Gold consigned to India on a through bill of landing before that date will be paid for at the rates prescribed in the ordnance. It may be added that the new rates will apply also to gold bullion and foreign coin tendered in Australia for acquisition by the Government of India. But there too the new rates will not apply to gold shipped to Australia on a through bill of lading before the 26th instant.

INDIAN WAR LOAN

BOMBAY POST OFFICE SECTION.

	20-9-17	Total up-to-date.
War Loan	Rs. 400	Rs. 3,77,450
War Bonds	,, 1,000	,, 13,63,125
Cash Certificates	,, 596-12	,, 21,09,095
Total	Rs. 1,996-12	Rs. 38,49,670

LATEST FIGURES.

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CALCUTTA, Sept. 18.

Applications to the War Loan received through the Post Office are as under:—The figures for the Post Office section are to 12th September and Cash Certificates to 31st August:—

Provinces.	Post Office.	Cash Certificates	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bombay	79,66,950	1,90,74,408	2,70,41,358
Punjab	66,37,600	1,30,81,039	1,97,18,639
Central (including Central Provinces Central India and Rajputana)	49,81,975	1,34,06,853	1,83,18,328
United Provinces.	54,94,000	88,66,395	1,43,60,395
Bengal	39,93,100	62,09,928	1,02,02,028
Burma	18,81,375	56,01,235	74,82,610
Madras	20,05,050	25,47,340	45,45,390
Bihar and Orissa ..	12,75,125	26,70,743	39,45,868
Assam	3,35,725	8,87,507	12,23,232

The Punjab and United Provinces Cash Certificates figures for the last week of the report have not been received. The total Loan figures: Main Section, Rs. 38,36,36,100; Treasury Bills received in England, Rs. 7,64,11,600; Post Office, Rs. 3,45,93,900; Cash Certificates, Rs. 7,23,43,948. Total Rs. 50,69,85,548.

"OUR DAY."

SIR HARCOURT'S APPEAL TO BURMA.

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RANGOON, Sept. 19.

The Jubilee Hall was filled with an assembly representing various communities in Rangoon at a meeting held this evening to give effect to the Viceroy's decision to hold "Our Day" throughout India on December 12th. Mr. E. O. Anderson, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, presided and the Lieut.-Governor was among the speakers. The Chairman explained the objects of the meeting and the appeal made by the Viceroy for funds to be allocated on behalf of our forces in Mesopotamia.

Sir Harcourt Butler in addressing the meeting congratulated them on what Burma had done in connection with the war charity. He had no doubt that Burma would do right well again in collecting funds on "Our Day." His Honour said he could not pretend to tell them how long the war would last, but one thing was clear which was that it would end in only one way, in a complete victory for the Allies. The Empire had led the way in the Red Cross movement. The Viceroy had appealed to India, for although she had done much yet she had in the Red Cross movement lagged behind. Burma being part of India it was up to them to redeem the reputation of India in the Empire and the fitting celebration of "Our Day" was, therefore, a grand opportunity for those who stayed at home to do their bit. For that celebration they must have careful organisation. Rangoon forming central committees for the province and branch committees formed in every district and township would bring the opportunity to the doors of all. His Honour emphasised the fact of the committees being mainly non-official, there being no compulsion in the matter. He appealed earnestly to the ladies and gentlemen of Burma to take prominent part on the committees and in working amongst the people. He also appealed to the children of the province whose part would not be least valued. All subscriptions will go into the fund.

A TOUCHING APPEAL.

In conclusion, his Honour, in referring to his coming departure from Burma, said: "I shall not to-day say farewell to Burma, I shall take the opportunity of doing that in writing later on. But, I cannot pass by in silence. In reference to my departure you have said that it is honour to Burma to have had me as a Lieut.-Governor. I look upon the other side of the screen. I deem it a great and signal honour to have been a Lieut.-Governor of Burma. I have received nothing, but help and kindness at your hands and I shall leave you with very heavy heart. If we have been able to do anything to lift the province a little way on the road to its inevitable far shining destiny it is because we have worked together for the one end, with one effort and with one hope. To me this has been no hard task. I love Burma, I am proud of Burma, I believe in the future of Burma. I have done my best, with many shortcomings no doubt, but with the single purpose. I dare ever to serve Burma, to give her the hope of a chance of a place in the sun. I am slowing into the terminus, my place will soon know me no more, but I appeal to you with confidence, with all my heart I appeal to you to raise a fund worthy of Burma, worthy of its charity inspired people, worthy of the place which you are winning, which you are justly winning in the Empire."

On the proposal by Sir Arthur Binning, seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. K. A. S. Jamal, a large and representative committee for Rangoon with office-bearers, was appointed.

KARWAR MUNICIPALITY.

TEMPORARY EXTINCTION FOR PURPOSES OF RECONSTITUTION.

The following proclamotion is published in the "Bombay Government Gazette":—

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Bombay District Municipal Act, III of 1901, the Governor in Council is pleased to announce that it is proposed to declare that the local area included within the municipal limits of Karwar in the Kanara District shall cease to be a municipal district.

All persons who entertain any objection to the said proposal are hereby required to submit the same with the reasons therefor in writing to the Collector within two months from the date of the publication of this proclamation.

The reasons for this proposal are as follows:—

The local area at present included in the municipal district of Karwar is too large for the efficient administration of municipal affairs, and consequently it is proposed to curtail the limits of the municipal district and reconstitute the wards. But under the provisions of law, the members elected by the present wards will not go out of office, and fresh election cannot be held before the date of the expiration of the term of the present municipal board namely, the 31st March 1919. To give early effect to the proposed curtailment, therefore, it is necessary that the local area aforesaid should first cease to be a municipal district, and then be reconstituted after the expiry of the statutory interval.

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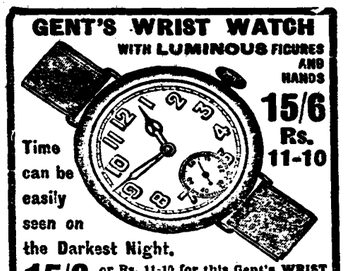

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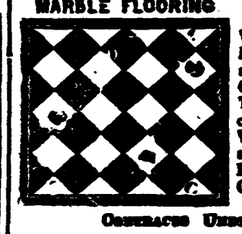

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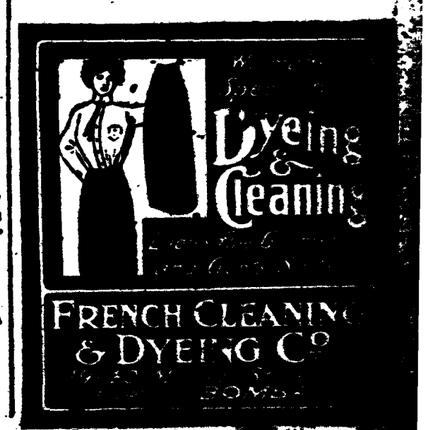

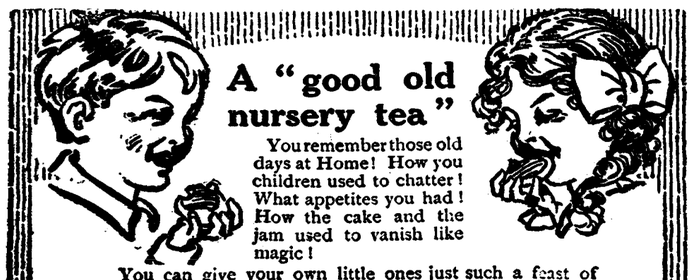

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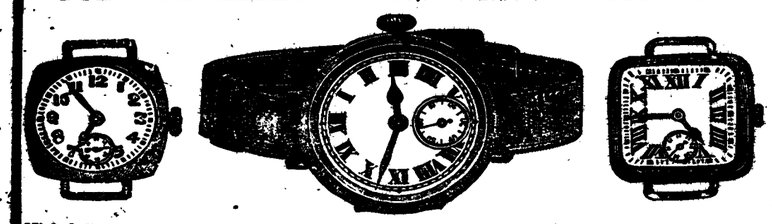

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THE WEATHER

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Sept. 21.

The depression now lies near Bikaner and is moving north-westwards and the south of the Bay is disturbed.

Rainfall has been nearly general in Assam, United Provinces, Central India, Central Provinces, north Hyderabad and Mysore; local in Burma, Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, east Punjab, Rajputana, south Madras, and north Madras coast. The principle amounts are:—Tavoy and Dibrugarh two inches Tezpur and Dhubri three, Naya Dumka five, Sambalpur and Jhansi one and half, Agra two, Bareilly and Hissar one, Delhi three, Bikaner, Kotah Seoni and Chanda one and a half, Bangalore two, Trichinopoly one and a half.

Forecast:—Diminution in Central Provinces and Central India.

RAINFALL AT BOMBAY.

STATIONS.	24 hours ending at 8 a.m. on 21st Sept.	Total since 1st June 1917	June 1st to Sept 21st, 1916	June 1st to Sept 21st, 1915
	In. Ct	In. Ct.	In. Ct.	In. Ct
Colaba [Observatory]	0 42	73.9	78.92	69.51
Fort [St. Geo's Hospital] ..	0 45	85.93	85.74	72.60
Esplanade [Gok. Tej. Hospital]	0.53	84.08	84.08	68.42
Byculla [J. J. Hospital] ..	1.05	68.00	88.15	75.64
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TEMPERATURE IN BOMBAY.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 20th Sept. 1917.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected to 32 deg Fahr	29.785	Inch
Temperature of Air	78.9	Deg
Wet Bulb Thermometer	76.9	"
Dew Point	76.2	"
Relative humidity of Air	0.917	"
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloudy—10)	8.8	"
Maximum temperature of Air	82.9	"
Minimum do.	76.3	"
General direction of Wind from midnight to midnight	ESE,N.W.	
Movement of Wind do. do	103	Miles.
Fall of Rain	1.63	Inches.
Total fall during month	12.29	"
Do. do. year	76.36	"
Additional fall of rain up to 10 a.m., of 21st Sept	0.18	"

SUN, MOON AND TIDES AT BOMBAY

The following are the hours and height of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hour stated in Bombay Mean Time depth of water is at Prince's Dock:—

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	HIGH WATER. Bombay Mean time.		Depth on Still.		Day of Month.	LOW WATER. Bombay Mean time.		Depth on Still.	
	Sept	h.	m.	ft.	in.	Sept	h.	m.	ft.	in
Fri.	21	m 1	51	26	11	21	m 7	32	19	3
		1	36a	26	1		7	41a	16	6
Sat.	22	m 2	30	25	5	22	m 8	8	20	1
		2	10a	25	5		8	17a	16	11
Sun.	23	m 3	20	25	9	23	m 8	56	22	11
		2	52a	24	9		9	7a	17	7
Mon.	24	m 4	24	25	3	24	m 10	15	21	6
		4	0a	24	1		10	17a	18	2
Tues.	25	m 5	41	25	2	25	m 0	30a	21	3
		5	30a	23	11		11	52a	18	5
Wed.	26	m 7	2	25	7	26				
		7	0a	24	5		1	42a	20	2
Thur.	27	m 8	10	26	4	27	m 1	20	18	0
		8	20a	25	7		2	32a	18	9

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset, according to Indian Standard Time, during the ensuing week:—

Sept.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
21 (Friday)	6h. 27m.	6h. 37m
22 (Saturday)	6h. 29m.	6h. 36m.
23 (Sunday)	6h. 28m.	6h. 35m.
24 (Monday)	6h. 28m.	6h. 35m.
25 (Tuesday)	6h. 28m.	6h. 34m.
26 (Wednesday)	6h. 28m.	6h. 33m.
27 (Thursday)	6h. 29m.	6h. 32m

Phases of the Moon:—

	d.	h.	m.
Last Quarter	8	9	35.2 p.m.
New Moon	16	3	57.5 p.m.
First Quarter	24	11	11.4 a.m.
Full Moon	1	2	1.1 a.m.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Friday, the 21st September 1917, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Rainfall has been nearly general in the east Punjab; Hissar has had 0.97in. and Delhi 3.46in. Skies are lightly clouded in the south-west Punjab and moderately or heavily clouded elsewhere. The air is damper than usual. Day temperature is in moderate to considerable defect; night temperature is in excess in the north Punjab.

The United Provinces.—Rainfall has been nearly general; Agra has had 2.43in., Mainpuri 0.35in., Jhansi 1.58in. and Cawnpore 0.65in. Skies are moderately or heavily clouded. The air is damper than usual. Day temperature is in defect.

Sind and Rajputana.—Rainfall has been nearly general in east Rajputana and local in west Rajputana; Bikaner has had 1.29in., Jaipur 0.66in., Kotha 1.26in. and Mount Abu 0.26in. Skies are lightly clouded in upper Sind and moderately or heavily clouded elsewhere. The air is damper than usual in Rajputana. Day temperature is in moderate to considerable defect except in lower Sind; night temperature is in excess in upper Sind.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Rainfall has been nearly general in Central India West; Neemuch has had 0.81in. and Indore 0.29in. Skies are moderately clouded. Humidity is normal or in excess. Day temperature is in defect at Deesa and Neemuch.

The Central Provinces.—Rainfall has been nearly general; Jubbulpore has had 0.50in., Saugor 0.38in., Hoshangabad 0.22in., Akola 0.59in., Nagpur 0.70in., Chanda 1.25in. and Raipur 0.36in. Skies are moderately or heavily clouded. Day temperature is in defect at some stations.

The Konkan.—Bombay reports 0.42in. of rain. Skies are lightly or moderately clouded.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Rainfall has been nearly general in north Hyderabad; Aurangabad has had 0.63in. and Nizamabad 0.37in. Skies are lightly or moderately clouded.

General Remarks.—The area of low pressure is central to-day over Bikaner. Rainfall has increased in the south-eastern districts of the Punjab and in Rajputana but has decreased in the United Provinces and on the west coast of the Peninsula; it has been nearly general in the east Punjab, the United Proivnces, east Rajputana, Central India West, the Central Provinces and North Hyderabad and local in West Rajputana, Mysore and on the north Madras coast, while some showers have occurred in the Konkan and Malabar and south-east Madras.

Nearly general rain is likely in Rajputana and the east Punjab, local rain elsewhere in the Punjab and in the United and the Central Provinces, Central India West and Malabar and a few showers in Sind, Gujarat, the Konkan, the Deccan, south-east Madras and on the north Coromandel coast.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 a. m. on FRIDAY, the 21st of September, 1917.

STATIONS.	Temp. in Shade: Maximum of past 24 hours.	Minimum of past 24 hours	Rainfall: 8 A. M.	Past 24 hours.	Total 1st June to date.	Departure 1st June to date
PERSIAN GULF—						
Bushire	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do. (10th Sept.) ..	91.6	79.7	46	..	..	—3.01
Jask	..	..	..	..	..	..
Muskat	..	..	..	..	..	..
PUNJAB—						
Multan	90.6	77.7	79	..	16.93	+12.28
Rawalpindi ..	87.0	74.0	84	..	35.15	+13.12
Lahore	81.7	76.9	85	..	21.80	+6.98
Hissar	81.4	72.6	93	0.47	15.44	..
Ambala	84.7	73.3	88	0.03	35.81	+12.90
Delhi	76.2	73.3	95	3.46	25.94	+3.23
UNITED PROVINCES—						
Agra	80.4	75.3	96	2.43	37.74	+14.56
Mainpuri	82.1	74.8	91	0.35	29.14	+6.86
Jhansi	86.4	76.8	89	1.58	41.68	+8.61
Cawnpore	85.8	74.7	96	0.65	41.07	+10.21
Allahabad	85.8	77.2	93	..	37.07	+4.39
SIND AND RAJPUTANA						
Jacobabad	96.5	80.6	73	..	10.23	+8.03
Karachi	84.3	79.4	90	..	4.09	—4.18
Ajmer	80.5	74.7	85	..	40.83	+12.32
Jaipore	77.5	74.1	97	0.66	44.05	+22.83
Kotah	80.0	74.2	80	1.26	48.10	+22.24
Mount Abu ..	67.2	64.2	99	0.26	110.95	+59.16
GUJARAT KATHIAWAR AND CENTRAL INDIA WEST—						
Bhuj	90.0	72.9	79	..	21.17	+8.17
Dwarka	86.4	78.9	85	..	12.04	—0.20
Veraval	82.3	78.6	89	..	24.59	+7.86
Rajkot	90.1	69.8	82	..	27.59	+2.78
Bhavnagar Para ..	91.0	78.8	82	..	20.73	+1.29
Surat	86.5	77.7	87	0.01	37.37	—2.85
Ahmedabad	89.7	75.7	89	..	35.94	+9.44
Deesa	89.9	76.0	85	..	43.96	+21.09
Neemuch	79.3	71.8	87	0.81	50.29	+23.88
Indore	84.3	71.1	90	0.29	44.35	+4.28
CENTRAL PROVINCES—						
Jubbulpore	80.8	73.5	91	0.50	49.51	+9.54
Saugor	86.2	72.0	91	0.38	43.26	+7.68
Hoshangabad ..	87.1	73.4	88	0.22	49.09	+6.29
Khandwa	85.0	73.5	92	..	24.35	—1.58
Akola	87.4	74.4	84	0.59	22.85	—2.25
Amraoti	86.0	72.8	87	0.01	18.25	—3.93
Nagpur	84.4	72.9	83	0.70	42.93	+1.55
Chanda	87.7	73.2	86	1.25	44.11	—1.40
Raipur	88.9	73.9	84	0.36	56.21	+13 60
KONKAN—						
Bombay	82.9	76.4	94	0.42	73.93	+7.45
Ratnagiri	83.7	74.5	83	..	93.04	+5.69
Marmugao	84.2	75.9	93	0.02	78.95	+2.67
Karwar	83.7	74.1	95	..	113.55	+4.69
BOMBAY DECCAN AND MYDERABAD—						
Sholapur	85.5	71.5	76	0.01	6.86	—10.44
Ahmednagar ..	83.9	69.2	84	..	13.24	—8.00
Poona	86.0	68.4	80	..	20.23	—8.44
Bholapur	82.2	71.0	82	..	17.29	—8.27
Bijapur	87.3	68.9	80	..	16.18	+1.53
Belgaum	80.2	68.4	90	..	30.61	+9.41
Aurangabad	85.6	70.0	86	0.63	25.52	+2.54
Nizamabad (Indur) ..	87.9	71.7	90	0.37	52.42	+18 05
Hyderabad	87.8	74.0	84	..	22.09	—9.42
MALABAR AND CEYLON						
Mangalore	85.0	75.5	83	..	113.34	+8.99
Calicut	82.8	75.7	93	0.01	70.15	—16.56
Cochin	84.0	72.7	84	0.91	66.45	—3.83
Colombo	81.5	74.8	95	0.23	41.96	—7.07
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On inquiry he said he had done his best. The signaller would not allow him further and he could not shunt back, "it was against the rules." I walked up to the signaller and asked him, why he would not allow us to get a few yards further. He replied that three waggons had derailed at a distance of a mile and he could not give signal without superior's orders, we being on the incline I asked him, whether he could not use his discretion at a time when children and weak persons were about to faint in the dark hole where we were buried. The reply was "it was against our rules". By this time it was 4 p.m. and we were in the hell for more than three hours. I requested the guard, at last to telegraph to the General Traffic Manager and Station Master, Igatpuri for orders to shunt back or go further. He would not do so, as he said the reply would come after four hours and we might get out by then. I then requested the signaller to send a wire in my name to the General Traffic Manager and Station Master, Igatpuri informing the state of the passengers.

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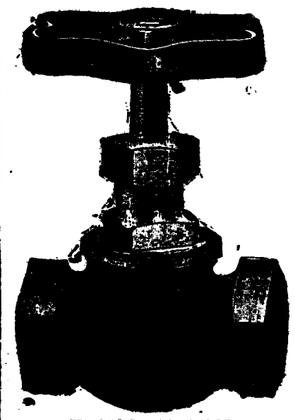

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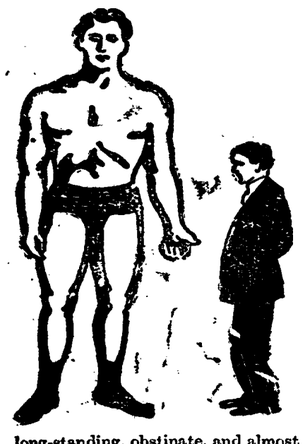

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They were met on the most tragic anniversary in history. It was not a day to celebrate for its own sake. What they would be glad to celebrate would be the day of victory and its anniversary for ever. But before we achieved victory, it was fit that they should meet on that day to fortify their purpose, if it needed fortifying, to pledge themselves that the brave men who had died should not have died in vain, and to reaffirm their purpose to finish this task even if it exhausted the vast resources of the Allies in Europe and the great Republic across the sea. For what would the future of the human race be worth if the calculated and deliberate barbarism of our enemies overran the world? The supreme gift of free government which this country gave to the earth and to which all free lands chiefly owed their freedom, would be swept away.

WAR THRUST UPON US.

There was no need to review the terrible three years of war. The chief fact to recall was that the war was thrust upon us. Not only did the Allied nations not begin it; they did nothing to provoke it, and did all they could to prevent it. Another fact was the persistent denial by German public men and soldiers that the war was of their making. That was important not only as a measure of their moral qualities, but as an indication of their method of retreat. They would appeal to the pity of the world that they set out to conquer. Military despotisms had ever been one of the greatest evils of human society. We had now learnt that with modern physical progress they were become far more dangerous and loathsome than they were in simpler times. One happy incident which might turn out to be the best result of the war was the closer coming together of the two great English-speaking parts of the world. (Applause.) The New World communities fell apart from the old land only in political allegiance, and he maintained that political separation was as well for this country as it was necessary for America, and that by reason of it human freedom had been further advanced. After emphasising the similarity in racial characteristics of the British and American peoples. Dr. Page said there was now a race reason why they should have complete understanding, and such a complete understanding was at hand. Politically two peoples, in all high aims and in the love of freedom we were one, and must now remain at one for ever. This war had swept away the incidental differences between them. American warships and troopships, million laden if need be, would come until the enemy line was broken and the submarines were withdrawn or all submerged. There was coming the greatest victory for free government that was ever won, and the day of that victory might turn out to be the most important date in our history, or perhaps in all history.

THE GUARDIANS OF CIVILISATION.

And the necessity to win right had cleared the air as no other event in modern times had cleared it. But for the millions of brave lives that it had cost this clearing of the air would richly repay all that the war would cost. It had revealed the future of the world to us not as conquerors, but as the preservers of its peace. The free, peace-loving nations would have no more of this colossal, armed, and ordered pillage, and no combination of peace-loving nations could be made effective without both branches of the English-speaking peoples. This Empire and the great Republic must be the main guardians of civilisation hereafter, the conscious and leagued guardians of the world. It was a task they would, with the other free peoples of the world, undertake.

To undertake it their comradeship must become perpetual, neither broken nor even strained. While both Governments could be entrusted to bind them together in every way, Governments come and Governments go. Far more important than any particular Government was the temper and action of public opinion. The complete and permanent union in all large aims of their two nations, generation after generation, must therefore rest on the broad base of a friendly and informed public opinion in both countries. The lasting friendship of two democratic nations must rest on the sympathetic knowledge that the people of each nation had of the other. Personal friendships made friendly public opinion. It was, therefore, the highest political duty that Britons and Americans could have to build up personal knowledge of one another and personal friendships.

HOW TO CREATE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

It was our duty to learn all we could about the United States, about the country, the people, their institutions, occupations, and aims, and make acquaintances of as many Americans as we could. He suggested as a means to that end the use of an elementary book about the United States in the schools, giving the chief emphasis not to their old differences, but to their present likelinesses, and to our necessary close understanding for the future. On the American side, he hoped to see a modern elementary book about Great Britain put into the schools pointing in the right spirit to the future. They should also encourage the giving of popular lectures by well-informed Americans about America and her people, and welcome the moving pictures of each country that are shown in the other—pictures of characteristic and instructive scenes and activities. Another useful piece of the machinery of popular education was the press. Visits of groups of journalists should be arranged and exchanged, and he supported the suggestion of regular personal correspondence between persons in each country.

He also pleaded for the encouragement of British students to go to American universities, and of more American students to British universities. There should be pilgrimages both ways of large bodies of educational workers. It would be said those things cost money. They were less costly than ignorance of one another. (Applause.) Besides, if the two peoples were to come together as they hoped, travel must become much cheaper than it was, and, most important of all, there should be frequent visits by our public men, especially those who held high office. He doubted if any member of the Government of any people ever made a visit to another people since Governments began that had so great an effect as the recent historic visit of Mr. Balfour to the United States.

In conclusion, he spoke of the financial aid of America and the supply of troops, most of whom were young men, the flower of their race. Those were forming companionships that nothing could sever. Those who died and those who lived would hereafter so bind our two peoples in mutual understanding that any disturber of that understanding would play but the poor part of a sacrilegious fool. These heroic days had made the two peoples at one for ever in all high aims. (Applause.)

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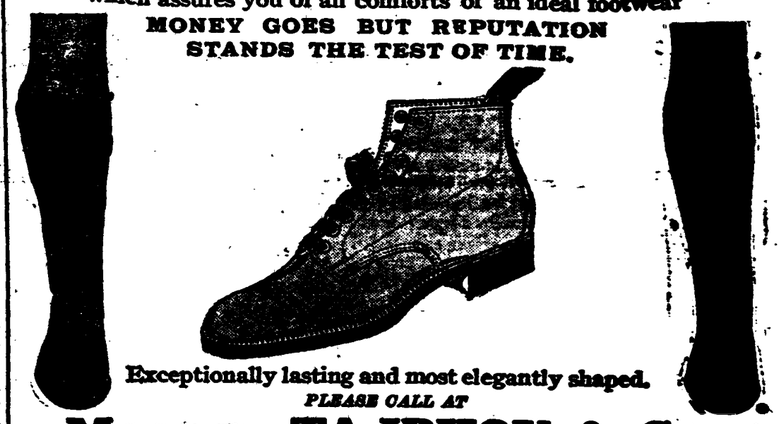

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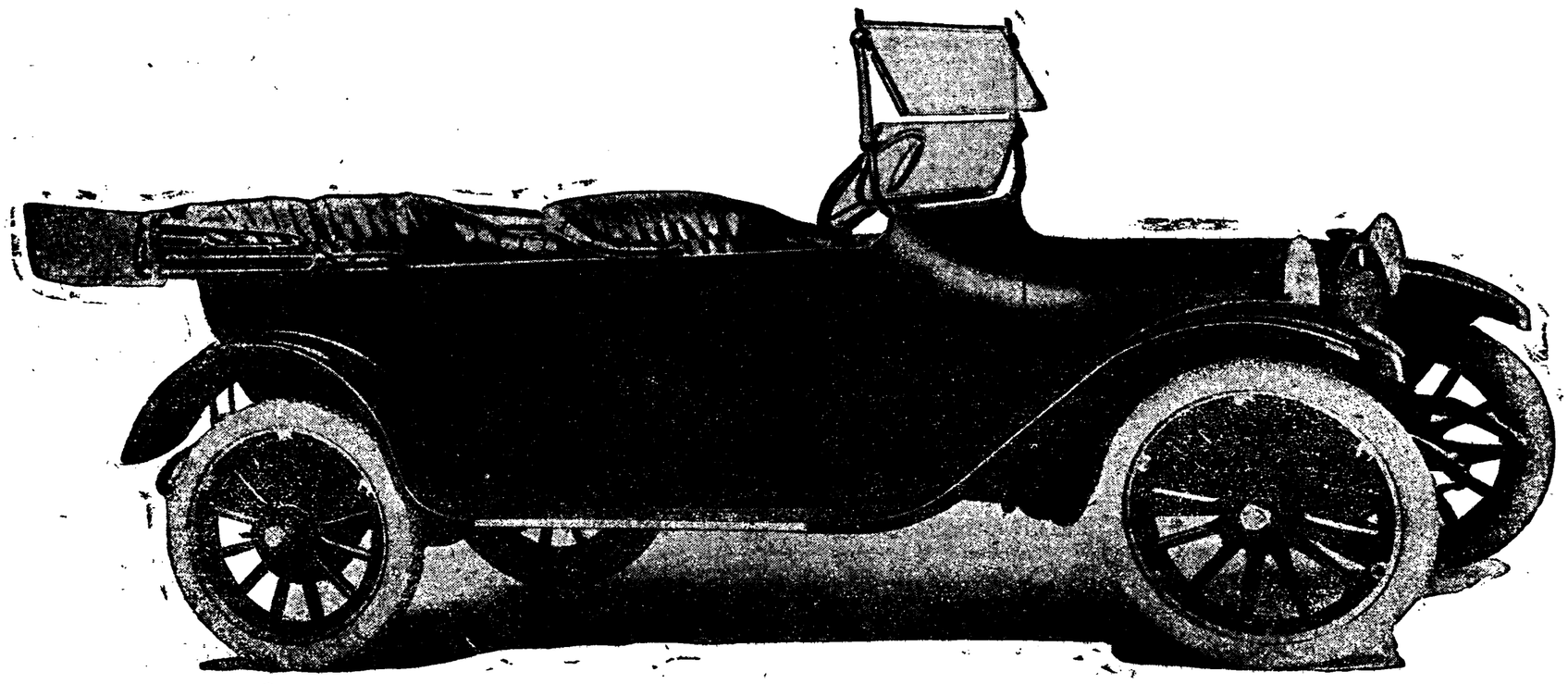

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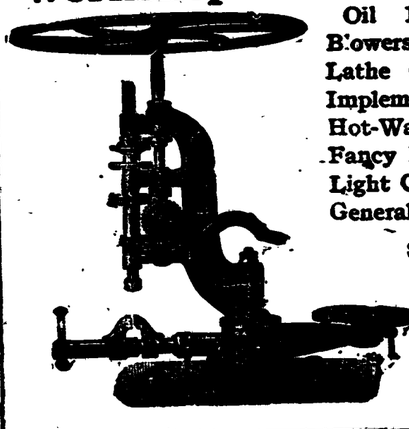

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